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bove: Clint Eastwood holds his two Oscars for best director and best motion picture of the year, "Million Dollar Baby." at the 77th Academy ards on Sunday.

Right: And the winners are: from left, Cate nchett, best supporting actress for "The Aviator"; Morgan Freeman, best supporting actor for "Million Dollar Baby"; Hilary Swank, best actress for "Million Dollar Baby"; and Jamie Foxx,



Eastwood's movie gets a fistful of Oscars

'Million Dollar Baby' wins best picture, director, actress and supporting actor awards Pages 8-9

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Ne ws Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Missing Fla. girl: Searchers began their fifth day of combing the roads and woods surrounding a missing 9-year-old girl's home in Homosassa, Fla., on Monday, hitting new areas while going back over spots that were

already inspected.

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The search for Jessica Marie Lunsford, who disappeared from her bedroom last week, has been frustrated by rainy weather and the lack of hard evidence. But the weather had cleared Monday, giving officials some hope, although the search could be scaled back Tuesday if no evidence is found.

Trial of former WorldCom chief: Former WorldCom Inc. chief Bernard Ebbers testified in New York on Monday, telling jurors he was unschooled in accounting and finance as he began defending himself against charges he orchestrated the \$11 billion fraud that capsized the company he built

Ebbers said his former finance chief, Scott Sullivan, "had an uncanny knowledge of the technical details of accounting."

Defense lawyers called Ebbers, 63, to testify as his trial on charges of fraud, conspiracy and making false regulatory filings opened its sixth week in Manhattan federal court.

Military

Army deserter Jenkins: A U.S. Army deserter who spent nearly 40 years in captivity in North Korea before resettling in Japan hopes to return to the United States — but only for a visit.

Charles Robert Jenkins, 65, plans to travel to Tokyo on Wednesday to apply for a U.S. passport, officials in the Japanese village of Mano said Monday. Jenkins has said he would like to visit his home in North Carolina with his wife, Hitomi Soga, and their two North Korea-born daughters.

World

Rwanda genocide: A former commander of the military academy in Rwanda appeared Monday at a U.N. tribunal in Tanzania to face genocide charges related to the 1994 slaughter of at least half a million minority Tutsis and politically moderate Hutus.

Lt. Col. Tharcisse Muvunyi was charged with five counts of genocide and crimes against humanity.

Gaza Strip pullout: Israel may leave buildings in Jewish settlements intact after a Gaza Strip withdrawal instead of demolishing them as initially planned, senior officials said Monday.



British activists: Three members of a group that campaigns for better child custody rights for divorced fathers stand on a ledge at the Foreign Office in central London on Monday. The campaigners from Fathers 4 Justice, dressed as Captain America, Robin and Batman, perched some 50 feet above the junction of Whitehall, where many government offices are located, and Downing Street, home of Britain's Frime Minister Tony Blair. The group has previously held protests at the London Eye Ferris wheel and Buckingham Palace with protesters dressed as Spider-Man, Santa Claus and Batman and Robin.

Demolition would force Israeli troops to spend more time in Gaza, exposing them to possible attack by Palestinian militants for a longer period and driving up the price of withdrawal, said Giora Eiland, head of Israel's National Security Council.

Asian bird flu: A 14-year-old girl in Vietnam has become the third person in a week to contract deadly bird flu in the same northern province, health officials said Monday, prompting concerns over a larger outbreak.

The bird flu has killed 46 people in Vietnam, Thailand and Cambodia since it surfaced in mass outbreaks on Asian poultry farms in 2003, then spread last year among poultry across a wide swath of the region. Since bird flu re-emerged in Vietnam nine weeks ago. 14 people have died.

Clinton's visit to Taiwan: Former President Clinton wrapped up a whirlwind trip to Taiwan on Monday, after signing autographs for his memoir and meeting the Taiwanese leader and other politicians.

At a signing of his memoir, "My Life," in a Taipei bookstore, Clinton recalled his first

visit to Taiwan in 1979 as Arkansas governor. "I was 33 then and had no gray hair."

Crude oil prices: Crude prices edged up Monday, extending their recent rise above S51 a barrel amid concerns about continuing cold weather in the U.S. Northeast and the possibility that OPEC will cut production in March.

Qatar's Oil Minister Abdullah bin Hamad said Sunday that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries might "cut supply to stop inventories from building" on March 16 when OPEC members gather in Iran.

Tsunami damage: Britain's Prince Charles told tsunami survivors in Sri Lanka on Monday he was saddened by their loss as the United Nations said its five-year plan for Asia's reconstruction from the disaster was nearing completion.

Charles, who arrived by helicopter in the Batticaloa region, said he was "terribly upset" by the devastation from the tsunami that killed more than 31,000 people in the former British colony and left another 1 million homeless.

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AAFES raises March gas prices 10 cents

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa - The Pacific Region Army and Air Force Exchange Service announced Monday that fuel prices were to increase in Japan, Okinawa, South Korea and Guam effective March 1

In Japan and Okinawa, customers will see a hike of 10 cents, as the price for a gallon of mid-grade fuel will rise from \$1.966 to \$2.061.

Diesel prices there will go up from \$2,006 to \$2,054

Drivers in South Korea will see unleaded fuel prices rise from \$1.856 to \$1.955 per gallon.

Increase effective across Pacific

Premium unleaded will increase from \$2.057 to \$2.147 and diesel fuel will go from \$2.007 to \$2.045.

Guam drivers will see pump prices go from \$1,869 to \$1,969 for unleaded fuelpremium will jump from \$2.079 to \$2.169. AAFES determined the new prices by

using the U.S. Department of Energy average prices from each of the last four weeks. The prices were added together, divided by four, then each area's incremental dis-

AAFES said the dispensing cost for Guam is \$0.10375; in South Korea the cost is \$0.09104; and in Japan and Okinawa, the

In September AAFES announced the gas-pricing policy — which let prices be adjusted monthly rather than annually to match the DOE average - for Japan and

Guam and South Korea already were on a monthly pricing schedule.

The change in policy Oct. 1 in mainland

Japan and Okinawa standardized how AAFES sets gasoline prices in its overseas markets

Before the Japan policy was implemented, only AAFES' gas prices in Okinawa, Japan, Turkey and Azores were set for the

entire year. All overseas AAFES stations now change prices monthly based on the prior month's Department of Energy average, to

provide consistency in the way the policy is applied, AAFES officials have said. AAFES buys gas for Okinawa and Japan on an annual contract that locked in a wholesale price of \$1.38 on Oct. 1.

For Guam and South Korea, AAFES' wholesale cost fluctuates month to month.

Yokota gets kudos for Combined Federal Campaign

By T D FLACE

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan The Yokota community patted itself of the back Monday for "leading the Pacific" during the 2004 Combined Federal Camnaign

Military and civilian leaders gathered in the Enlisted Club ballroom Monday afternoon to recognize the personnel and units that helped Yokota raise more than \$375,000 with close to 60 percent participation - almost double the normal 30 percent installation average.

The 2004 program saw a more than \$50,000 increase in donations and a 30 percent jump in the participation rate from 2003. even with 400 fewer people working at Yokota this year, according to a base fact sheet.

Melissa Kidder, director of

Stars and Stripes

A few facts about 2004 base donations

Number of potential contributors: 3,739 Number of donors: 2,166 Total contributions: \$375.492 Participation: 57.93 percent Average gift: \$173.36

pensing costs were added in.

UNIT AWARDS:

Bronze Award, \$60 average donation or at least 40 percent participation: 7 awards Silver Award, \$90 average donation or at least 50 percent participation: 9 awards

Gold Award, \$120 average donation or at least 60 percent participation rate: 16 awards Platinum Award, \$200 average donation or at least 85 percent participation: 7 awards

STANDOUTS:

459th Airlift Squadron, \$527 average donation Army and Air Force Exchange Service, 100 percent participation

Source: 374th Public Affairs Office

CFC-Overseas, who traveled from Washington, D.C., for the ceremony, said Yokota's success amazed her.

"I've been doing this for eight vears and I don't think I've ever seen this many unit awards. Kidder told the audience.

She said even though service-

members work in a profession in which they could have to put their lives on the line, they still onen their wallets for the annual CFC drive

First Lt. Kenneth Raszinski. who volunteered to spearhead Yokota's efforts as the communi ty area project officer, received

a plague from Kidder and an Air Force Achievement Medal from 374th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Mark Schissler.

Kidder also presented Capt. Paul Talley, assistant project officer, with a plaque.

Schissler said he never talked to Raszinski about a monetary

goal, focusing instead on partici-

Raszinski said he volunteered "just to help out ... to be involved in the community." He said the key to Yokota's success was getting the word out.
"People just really saw the

light," he said of the 2004 num-

Kidder said one of best things about her job is meeting people who've been touched by the CFC. She said she visited Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington a few weeks ago and met an inspiring young sergeant who had lost both his legs

When she mentioned her upcoming trip to the Pacific, the sergeant said to "thank them for

"On behalf of people you may never meet," she said, "thank

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Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society launches fund-raising drive

Organizers hope to surpass \$500,000 mark

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Strines

NAVAL AIR FACILITY MISA-WA, Japan - Annual fund-raisers for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society are under way at Pacific installations, with organizers hoping to eclipse last year's mark of \$500,000.

The society gives out loans and grants to active-duty and retired servicemembers and their families in need, officials said. Local commands select repre-

sentatives to contact sailors and Marines about the donation drive and often hold special events such as raffles and car

In mainland Japan, the fund drive began Monday and is to run to April 1.

On Okinawa, the campaign is

How to help

For more information or to make a donation:

In mainland Japan, call Chief Petty Officer Jerry Walsh at DSN 243-7611.

On Okinawa, contact Lt. Cmdr. Tom DeLucia at deluciatp@ oki10.med.navy.mil or e-mail: navymarinerelief@hotmail.com

Those heading Command/Activity Fund drives can contact Kierra Bishop with the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society at 645-7808.

to swing into gear Wednesday and end May 13. About 45 percent of sailors on

mainland Japan contributed during last year's campaign, said Chief Petty Officer Ed Angeles, fund-drive coordinator at NAF Misawa

Donations are accepted in the form of payroll deductions, checks or cash. Last year's regional fund-rais-

er in South Korea, Singapore, Diego Garcia and mainland Japan brought in \$477,000, acto Kelley Finch, NMCRS Yokosuka office direc-

The society gave out more than \$660,000

"It's a worldwide pot," she said "Some regions bring in way

more than they give out." Finch said donations are funneled directly back into relief.

The only salary paid through contributions is for nurses who provide assistance and home visitation to families in need, she

Last year for the region. \$549,000 was paid in direct assistance, Finch said, for things such as emergency leave, car repairs, stolen funds and verified pay problems. The society would, for exam-

ple, help a servicemember who re-enlists but a problem with paperwork holds up a paycheck and the member "has a family of three and rent and utilities to pay," she said.

The remaining \$110,000 last ear was distributed to spouses for tuition assistance

Those scholarships are paid by the interest on the society's reserve fund, Finch noted. "Emergency leave is about 60

percent of our business because it's so expensive to fly home,' she said

If an immediate family member dies or is seriously ill, the society will provide an interest-free loan to help the servicemember and his or her family fly home.

In the case of a grandparent or grandchild, the society typically will help either the servicemember or spouse - whoever is the most closely related - get home, Finch said.

Last year, the society also gave out 240 layettes to service members and their families in the region, with \$100 of infant items including coordinated baby sheets, a hooded towel and other infant items.

On Okinawa last year, more than \$567,000 was given out: 454 loans and grants totaling \$502,744 and \$64,506 in tuition assistance to spouses

A majority of the loans and grants provided financial relief for servicemembers and their families during emergencies Fred Zimmerman contributed to this

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Correction

The parent organization of MilitaryPetsFOSTER Project, NetPets.org, was started in 1995. An article in Saturday's editions incorrectly reported the date.

Car bomb kills 115 outside clinic in Iraq

The Associated Press

HILLAH, Iraq — A suicide car bomber blew himself up next to dozens of police and national guard recruits Monday as they lined up outside a medical clinic south of Baghdad, killing at least 115 people and wounding 132 the single deadliest attack since the fall of Saddam Hussein.

Torn limbs, feet and other body parts littered the street outside the medical clinic in Hillah, about 60 miles south of Baghdad.

Maj. Gen. Osman Ali, an Iraqi National Guard commander in Hillah, put the toll at 115 dead and 132 wounded. A health official in Babil province said the death toll could rise.

"The martyrs may more because there a number of body parts" to be counted, Mahmoud Abdul Reda said at the hospital. Morgue workers unloaded plastic body bags from pickup trucks as weeping relatives looked on.

Babil province police headquarters said in an announcement that 'several people" were arrested in connection with the blast. It did not elaborate.

The blast came a day after Iraq announced the capture of a key in



People gather near a wrecked car at the scene of a suicide car bombing in Hillah, Iraq, on Monday. A suicide car bomber detonated explosives amid a crowd of people about 60 miles south of Baghdad on Monday, killing at least 115 people, police and witnesses said.

surgent leader in neighboring Syria. It was the deadliest single attack since the insurgency began nearly two years ago.

The second deadliest attack took place on Aug. 29, 2003, when a car bomb exploded outside a mosque in Najaf, killing more than 85 people, including Shiite leader Ayatollah Mohammed Bagir al-Hakim

The attack in Hillah, with a majority Shiite population, came as the clergy-backed United Iraqi Alliance sought the support of other parties to form Iraq's first-ever

U.S.: Intel says al-Qaida still looking to attack outside Iraq

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - New intelligence indicates al-Qaida is moving forward on terror operations outside of Iraq, officials said Monday, but the U.S. was not planning on raising its national alert level.

The Homeland Security De partment described the intelligence, intercepted over the past several weeks, as "credible but not specific."

However, it "reiterates the desire by al-Oaida and its associ-

Hillah is located just below the democratically elected govern-

ment. Insurgents have stepped up attacks against predominantly Shiite targets in recent weeks. A series of suicide bombings and other attacks left nearly 100 people dead over the two-day Ashoura commemoration that began Feb. 18.

Following a funeral procession in Hillah, many of the dead will be taken to Najaf for burial.

ates to target the homeland." said Homeland Security spokesman Brian Roehrkasse

A U.S. counterterrorism official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the "very vague" information alluded to moving forward on planning for operations outside of Iraq. It did not refer to any time, place or loca-

The Homeland Security Department issued a classified bulletin to officials over the weekend about the intelligence, Roehrkasse said

so called "triangle of death," the mixed Sunni-Shiite region south of the capital that has earned the nickname owing to the frequency of insurgent bombing. The 9:30 a.m. blast outside the

medical clinic was so powerful it nearly vaporized the suicide bomber's car, leaving only its engine partially intact.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Sunday, at least 1,495 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,130 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department.
The figures include four mil-

itary civilians.

The AP count is 15 higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. EST Friday. Since May 1, 2003, 1,357

U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,021 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers

The latest deaths reported by the military:

Two soldiers were killed

Sunday in a roadside ambush southwest of Baghdad A Marine was killed in ac-

tion Saturday in Babil province, Iraq.
The latest identifications re-

ported by the military:

Army Spc. Jason L.

Moski, 24, Blackville, S.C., and Army Pfc. Colby M. Farnan, 22, Weston, Mo.; killed Friday when an explosive detonated near their patrol in Taji, Iraq; assigned to the 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, Fort Riley,

Army Spc. Adam N. Brew-er, 22, Dewey, Okla.; killed Friday when an explosive detonat-ed near his patrol in Taji, Iraq; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood, Texas.

Report: Air Force wasted \$1M on faulty detectors

SALT LAKE CITY - A Defense Department report says the Air Force wasted \$1 million on unreliable hand-held chemical agent detectors that could have put at risk any airmen who depended on the equipment, a local newspaper reported Sunday

Air Force officials may have violated federal laws and military rules when they bought 100 commercial versions of the detectors and supplied them to commanders in the Middle East while knowing that the manufacturer's tests showed the detectors did not work well in hot areas or under battle conditions, the Deseret Morning News reported.

Moreover, officials did not wait for other necessary tests, including some at Utah's Dugway Proving Ground, according to a Defense Department Inspector General report the newspaper obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request

The Pentagon has ordered the Air Force to stop using the 100 detectors that were purchased and to send them to military testers who are working to improve them.

The documents say the military began developing a hand-held chemical arms detector after the first Iraq war, and British Aerospace Systems was chosen as the contractor for a "joint chemical agent detector" or JCAD. After the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, that company began marketing a com-mercial version called the JCAD ChemSen-

The inspector general report says Air

Force Central Command overseeing the Middle East erroneously felt the commercial unit had advantages over detectors it was already

At the command's urging, the military's JCAD Program Office bought 100 of the commercial detectors. The report says that agency knew the detectors did not meet its requirements, based on the manufacturer's own testing, but thought they worked well enough to be of use

When a request for more units was submitted, the Pentagon said it would allow the purchase only if tests proved the JCAD was better than existing detectors.

The tests found that, among many problems, the detectors did not perform well enough in identifying when chemical agents were present, the report says



At Fussa Gate: Left on 16 to light. Turn right. Take next left. Church on left



Army investigating fatal Apache crash

Stars and Strines

TWIN BRIDGES, South Korea The wreckage of a U.S. Army Apache attack helicopter re mained strewn Monday across a desolate hillside at Twin Bridges Training Area near the Demilitarized Zone, as military officials continued investigating the weekend crash

The Apache, part of the Camp Page-based 1st Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, is upside down at the top of a large gully, a bent rotor blade protruding into space while its tail section and rear rotor lie a short distance away, at the gully

The crash killed the pilot and co-pilot. One survived the initial impact but died later in the hospital, officials said. The Army will release their names after next of kin have been notified, said Maj. Michael Lawhorn, 2nd Infantry Division spokesman.

The downed helicopter was one of several 1-2 Apaches operating at Twin Bridges as part of the Warrior Field Training Exercise, he said. They were supporting 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment soldiers in combined arms, force-on-force training at the range. After the accident, the helicopters were grounded but infanWreckage strewn across Twin Bridges hillside near DMZ



The wreck of a 1st Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment Apache attack helicopter perches precariously on a South Korean hillside after going down Saturday at Twin Bridges Training Area.

try soldiers continued the training, he said

Several 2-9 soldiers saw the crash but are not discussing it publicly until they've talked with accident investigators. Lawhorn

Monday, more than 40 soldiers from the 2nd ID's 4th Battalion, 7th Armored Regiment, and from Task Force 1st Battalion 72nd Armored Regiment, guarded the crash site, where an area the size of two football fields was taped off. Nearby, training involving Bradley Fighting Vehicles and

Humvees continued. Capt. George Steffans, 36, of an Diego, of Headquarters and Headquarters Troop 4-7, was in

charge of crash site security. Last week, he and the other site guards had acted as the opposition force during the training involving the 1-2 helicopters, he said.

"We had guys who saw the helicopter go down," said Steffans.
"There was concern. The guys were concerned about the safety

After the injured victim was evacuated, 4-7 and 1-72 soldiers cordoned off the wreckage, he said

"We have to make sure the site isn't tampered with so the investigators can find out what went wrong. We are not sure what is there (at the crash site). It takes avionics expertise and aviation expertise to come and identify what all this equipment is," said Stef-fans, "There are a lot of complex systems. They just don't want anybody to mess with it so they can find out what happened and make

one of the 1-72 site guards, Staff Sgt. Jared Heisler, 26, of Mountainir, N.M., said he and his men set up observation posts around the crash site and were patrolling the surrounding area.

"It is rather somber being out here now that two soldiers lost their lives," he said, staring up at the snowy hillside through a mass of twisted, leafless branches at the wreck of the Apache.

South Korean police officer Lee Nyung-gon of Juksung Police Station on Monday said no private property was damaged and no South Koreans were injured in the crash, which happened inside

the training area Hwang Hae-rym contributed to this report. E-mail Seth Robson at:



· Villa-Alpen Ski Area

U.S. report lists human rights violators

BY BARRY SCHWEID

WASHINGTON - Man's inhumanity to man was documented anew Monday by the State Department as it surveyed human rights abuses last year in scores of countries and found systematic torture in Syria, serious abuses in China and the killing of civilians by government-backed militia in Sudan's troubled Darfur prov-

Egypt, a close ally of the United States in Mideast peacemaking, was condemned for security forces torturing prisoners and for mass arrests. Iran's "poor human rights record worsened." the State Department report said. Summary executions, political killings, disappearances, amputations and flogging were among the cited abuses in Iran

North Korea, which President Bush has denounced as part of an "axis of evil," is one of the world's most repressive and brutal regimes, the report said. An estimat-

Syria, China, Sudan, Egypt, Iran, N. Korea among countries noted as trouble spots with poor records

ed 150,000 to 200,000 people are believed to be in detention camps in remote areas, and defectors re port many have died from torture, starvation and disease.

Russia was credited with generally respecting the human rights of its citizens. But the Federal Security Service operated with little oversight, security forces commit-"numerous and serious human rights abuses," President Vladimir Putin strengthened his power over regional governors and restrictions were imposed on the media, the report said.

Both sides in the dispute over Chechnya showed little respect for basic human rights and there were reports of killings, it said.

"By anybody's account, Russia has moved backward in the past year," Michael Kozak, assistant secretary for human rights, told reporters

Last week at a summit meeting in Slovakia, Putin, responding to 'loud and clear" criticism from Bush, said Russia was committed to democracy.

Syria's human rights record is poor, the report said. Syrians do not have a right to change their government and "continuing serious abuses included the use of torture in detention, which at times resulted in death," unfair trials and arbitrary arrests.

But there were several bright spots. Terrorism fell off in post-Taliban Afghanistan, respect for human rights in Ukraine rose with the staging of free elections, and what the report said were prospects for peace in Iraq "help create momentum for the improvement of human rights practices.'

Egyptian President

Mubarak's promise last weekend to hold multi-candidate elections came too late to be reflected in the report, which accused government-controlled security forces of numerous, serious human rights abuses.

Egyptians did not have the meaningful ability to change their government, the report said. noting Mubarak was serving a fourth six-year term as a result of national referenda in which he was not opposed.

China, described as an authoritarian state, denies its citizens freedom to oppose the Chinese Communist Party's political system, the report said. The government used war on terror as a pretext for cracking down on peaceful Uighur separatists and does not permit outsiders to monitor the human rights situation in the country, the report to Congress

Report: Japan eyeing manned base on moon

The Associated Press

TOKYO - Japan plans to start building a manned base on the moon and a space shuttle within the next 20 years, a news paper report said Monday.

Japan's space agency, JAXA, hopes to develop a robot to con-duct probes on the moon by 2015, then begin constructing a solar-powered manned research base on the moon and designing a reusable manned space vessel like the U.S. space shuttle by 2025, the Mainichi Shimbun said. The space agency's budget could be boosted six-fold to \$57 billion to finance those plans, the Mainichi said. The plans also include using

satellites to send evacuation routes, locators on people's whereabouts and alerts to cell phones in the event of major emergencies like a tsunami. On Saturday, Japan took a

big step toward re-establishing the credibility of its space program with the successful launch of an H-2A rocket that placed a communications satel-lite into orbit.

Lebanon's pro-Syrian leaders resign

BY BASSEM MROUE The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon - As thousands of flag-waving demonstrators cheered outside, Lebanese Prime Minister Omar Karami announced the resignation of his pro-Syrian government Monday, two weeks after the assassination of his predecessor triggered wide street protests and calls for Syria to withdraw thousands of troops.

"I am keen that the government will not be a hurdle in front of those who want the good for this country. I declare the resigna tion of the government that I had the honor to head. May God preserve Lebanon," Karami said "Today the government fell. To

morrow, it's the one huddled in Anjar," opposition leader Elias Atallah said, referring to the Syrian intelligence chief based in the eastern Lebanese town of Aniar. He said the opposition will continue its actions until all demands are met

The White House praised the resignation, saying it opened the door for new elections "free of all foreign interference."

The resignation was the most dramatic moment yet in the series of protests and political maneuvers that have shaken Lebanon and its Syrian-backed government since the Feb. 14 assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri

Many in Lebanon blame Syria for being behind Hariri's slaying and had pressed hard since his death for the resignation of the pro-Syrian Lebanese government





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Pope recovering

Vatican: Pontiff has begun therapy

The Associated Pres-

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II has begun speech and respiratory therapy following last week's surgery to ease his latest breathing crisis, the Vatican said Monday, without indicating when he might be able to speak in public or leave the hospital.

lic or leave the hospital.

Throat specialists, including
one who attended the pope's operation last Thursday to cut a
breathing hole into his windpipe,
said patients like John Paul
should be able to speak normally
carin although at a loudly.

again, although not as loudly.

But even as the Vatican's medical bulletin insisted the pontiff's recovery was proceeding uneventfully on his fifth day at Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic hospital, Parkinson's specialists said the debilitating neurological disease may well figure in more breathing crises for the 84-year old pontiff.

or the 84-year- old pontiff. "We are in a stage where it's evvident that the patient is fragile because of progression of a disease with a 15, 20-year history," said Giovanni Fabbrini, a neurologist at Rome's Umberto I Polyclini and a member of Sapienza's University neurological sciences department.

"He's over the average age of 78" and he's "vulnerable" to more such respiratory problems, said Dr. Fabbrini, stressing that

he hasn't examined John Paul. John Paul was rushed to Gemelli on Feb. 24 with breathing problems that the Vatican said were caused by a narrowing of the lar-

"The Holy Father's postoperative phase is taking place without complications" and his general condition good, the Vatican communique said. "The Holy Father is eating regularly, spends some hours in an armchair and has begun exercises to rehabilitate breathing and phonation."



Elena Espinosa. Spain's minister for agriculture, prepares to take her seat prior to a meeting of EU agriculture ministers in Brussels on Monday, EU nations agreed to send small fishing boats to tsunami-affected areas to help relaunch the fishing industry.

EU sending fishing boats to rebuild tsunami-hit nations' major industry

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — European Union nations on Monday agreed to send small fishing boats taken out of commission in the 25 member nations to tsunami-hit areas of Asia to help relaunch the fishing industry there.

EU fisheries ministers unanimously decided to send vessels between five and 20 years old and under 39 feet long which are being taken out of the EU fleet in an attempt to limit overfishing, said an EU official, who asked not to be identified.

The number of boats sent there

will depend on the demand of the nations in the area. More than 110,000 boats were destroyed or damaged.

Fishing communities were badly affected by the Dec. 26 South Asian tsunami, which killed more than 170,000 people in 11 nations, with 100,000 more still missing.

The damage to fisheries in tsunami-hit countries has endangered the livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of families. The fishing industry was second only to tourism as the economic sector most affected by the disaster.

most affected by the disaster. The WWF conservation group, however, has raised objections, arguing bringing European fishing methods to Asia could drastically affect the ecological balance there and lead to overfishing. In the tsunami-hit areas, the industry is mostly based on individual fishing, while in Europe, fishing is mostly done in crews.

Instead of sending vessels, the WWF argued for increased support for the local boat-building industry.

In addition to commissioning vessels, the EU also wants to send experts to the region to provide technical help to reconstruct the fishing industry and fish and crustacean farms.

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'Million Dollar Baby' cleans Oscar's clock

'Aviator' lands five awards, but Eastwood film nabs biggest prizes

BY DAVID GERMAIN The Associated Pres

LOS ANGELES — Backstage at the Academy Awards, Clint Eastwood contemplated how deserving he was to come away with his second best picture and directing triumph, this time for the boxing tale "Million Dollar Baby

'There's a lot of great movies that have won the Academy Award, and a lot of great movies that haven't," said Eastwood, whose film also earned Hilary Swank her second best actress Oscar and Morgan Freeman the supporting actor prize. Humbly, Eastwood added, "You just do the best you can.

Other acting awards Sunday night went to performers in real-life roles, Jamie Foxx as lead actor for his uncanny emulation of Ray Charles in "Ray" and Cate Blanchett for supporting actress as Katharine Hepburn, the love of Howard Hughes' life, in "The Aviator

Eastwood's triumph meant fresh heartbreak for Martin Scorsese, whose Hughes epic "The Aviator" won the most awards with five but failed to bring him the directing Oscar that has eluded him throughout his distinguished career.

Scorsese, now a five-time loser, matched the record of Oscar futility held by a handful of legendary filmmakers such as Alfred Hitchcock and Robert Altman, who also went 0-for-5 in the directing category

Eastwood, who directed a segment of Scorsese's music-documentary TV series "The Blues," had kind words for his rival backstage.

"I was kind of a little disappointed when they started building a competition be-tween Marty and me," Eastwood said. "I have the greatest respect for him and all the films he's done over the years."

Blanchett echoed Eastwood's praise.

"Certainly, working with Martin Scorsese was an absolute minute-by-minute education without him ever being grandiose about it," Blanchett said.

It was the second straight year an East-wood film won two of the four acting Oscars, Swank as a tenacious fighter who rises to champion status before her life takes a cruel twist, Freeman as a worldly



Director Clint Eastwood poses Sunday with the Oscars he won for best director a best picture for his boxing movie "Million Dollar Baby" at the 77th Academy Awards.

Last year, Eastwood's dark morality play 'Mystic River" earned the lead actor prize for Sean Penn and the supporting actor award for Tim Robbins

Freeman, who costarred in Eastwood's 1992 film "Unforgiven," said he is the sort of director who gives actors the freedom to cut loose and perform their own way. The Western was Eastwood's first Oscar win for best picture and director.

"If he hires you, he hires you because he feels like you know what to do," Freeman said. "And he's very, very largely out of the way. He directs the picture, you do the acting. I love that, and I think that most of the

people that he works with love that." Swank once again beat out main rival An-nette Bening, nominated for the theater farce "Being Julia." Bening had been the front-runner for "American Beauty" five

years ago but lost to Swank. With unremarkable career results since Later, a pre-taped remote found Rock



From left, actors Morgan Freeman, Cate Blanchett, Hilary Swank and Jamie Foxx pose after winning Oscars Sunday at the 77th Academy Awards in Los Angeles. Freeman took home the supporting actor honor for his role in "Million Dollar Baby," Blanchett was honored as best supporting actress in "The Aviator," Swank won for best actress in "Million Dollar Baby" and Jamie Foxx received the best actor honor for his role in "Ray."





Left: Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber embraces singer Beyonce Knowles after they performed the best original song nominee "Learn to be Lonely" from "The Phantom of the Opera." Right: Actor Al Pacino walks off the stage with director Sidney Lumet after presenting Lumet with an honorary Oscar.

her first win. Swank had been in danger of becoming one of those actresses who fades from view after an Oscar success.

"The truth is, after 'Boys Don't Cry,' I re-alized how few and far between the great roles are," Swank said. "I am beyond thankful for finding 'Million Dollar Baby

Critics say Scorsese's best work is de-cades behind him, noting that recent epics such as "The Aviator" and "Gangs of New York" do not measure up to earlier master-pieces such as "Mean Streets" and "Rag-ing Bull."

On the other hand, Eastwood has entered a late-career zenith, delivering complex character studies two years in a row that rank toward the top of his long resume

A last-minute addition to the Oscar race. "Million Dollar Baby" did not even begin shooting until June and had been sched-uled for release in 2005 until distributor Warner Bros. took a look at an early cut and scrambled to release it in December. At 74, Eastwood became the oldest di-

recting winner ever.

He said he had great respect for many young directors such as Alexander Payne, who shared the adapted screenplay Oscar for the wine-country ramble "Sideways,"

which also had a best picture nomination.

"There's a lot of young guys coming along, but I'd like to say to the various financiers, don't forget the senior guys. The senior guys and gals are there, willing to do their best work for you."

A sharp awards broadcast with Rock as the host

By Frazier Moore The Associated Press

NEW YORK - In the lingo of the moment, Chris Rock scored big on Sunday's Oscarcast with his charm offensive.

Rock did nothing to rile the FCC, as some had feared or honed.

Nor, as some had feared or hoped, did he relegate the Oscars themselves to support ing-player status. What he did do was give "The 77th Annual Academy Awards" a needed pick-me-up, presiding over the broadcast with saucy finesse.

In its never-ending quest to shake off its accumulated cobwebs, the Oscarcast had taken an unusually bold step in hiring him. It seemed to acknowledge that, for many viewers, there was more suspense in see ing what the irrepressible comedian might say or do than in finding out who would claim this year's crop of trophies.

Maybe so. But the ABC show proved a satisfying balance of personality and ceremony. Thank goodness. This was a night appallingly devoid of juicy flare-ups, screwups, breakdowns or bombshells (unless you count poor Martin Scorsese miss-

ing out, yet again, as best director). Rock's opening monologue wasn't a home run, but he warmed up quickly.

He needled nearly every actor within earshot by observing, "There's only four real stars, and the rest are just popular people. Clint Eastwood is a star. Tobey Maguire's just a boy in tights.

He vowed not to slam the president, then marveled at George Bush's re-election de-spite certain missteps: "When Bush got into office there was a surplus of money. Now there's, like, a \$70 trillion deficit. Just imagine if YOU worked at the Gap, and you're closing out your register and YOU'RE \$70 trillion short!"

visiting the nearby Magic Johnson movie house to talk to "ordinary people," and he had fun with the fact that many of these black cinéastes had not seen, nor even heard of, the Oscar-nominated films

In sum, the broadcast felt brisk, though not rushed. It felt modern and refreshingly free of chronic self-importance. (Could that really be?!) It was a night when Prince was a presenter and the cellist Yo-Yo Ma

A warm tribute to the late Johnny Carson treated viewers to clips from his many years in a role much of the audience had forgotten he once had; hosting the Oscars.

But what took so long for the producers to figure out this winning formula? Short of Michael Moore and Mel Gibson duking it out, this year's Oscarcast could hardly have been better.



Host Chris Rock gave the Academy Awards a needed pick-me-up, presiding over the broadcast with saucy finesse.

Backstage joy at Academy Awards

BY BETH HARRIS The Associated Press LOS ANGELES - Hollywood's

biggest stars walked off-camera, dazed but delighted, into hugs and high-fives. "Yeah!" an Oscar trophy girl

whooped backstage when Jamie Foxx was announced as the best actor winner at Sunday night's Academy Awards.

After an emotional speech, Foxx followed presenter Charlize Theron into the wings. They embraced and kissed, whispering to each other.

Surprise presenter Julia Roberts ended up with a prize of her own, even though she wasn't nominated

She gave Clint Eastwood the best director Oscar, and "when he was finished, instead of going offstage, he went back to his seat, so I have the envelope," Roberts said, waving it in the air

After the show, presenter Samuel L. Jackson stopped host Chris Rock in the hallway and told him, "You did it, man, Awesome,"

Even former Oscar winners were feeling the tension of Hollywood's biggest night.

"I'm nervous," Gwyneth Paltrow confessed, waving her hands in the air. "Nobody's watching, right? Who cares," she joked.

After the show ended, the backstage hallway was busy, choked with lingering, chatting celebrities

Earlier the hall was the scene of a series of intimate moments. as presenters tracked down win-

envelope with the winner's name inside. The informal little ceremonies have become something of an Oscar tradition outside the spotlight and away from cameras.

Supporting actor winner Morgan Freeman was chased by presenter Renee Zellweger.

"Mr. Freeman, I think you should keep this," she said, sliding the envelope containing his name into his hand.

"Congratulations," said Zellweger, an Oscar winner last year, as she hugged a new member of the exclusive club.

Cate Blanchett, who won sup-porting actress for "The Aviator," wandered down a backstage hall with a dazed look on her face. She asked presenter Tim Robbins. "Was it really my name?

He laughed and assured her that her name was in the envelope he was carrying for her

When Freeman emerged into the crowded backstage hallway, he was greeted by hearty ap-plause from bystanders and high-fives from members of the American Boychoir, waiting to take the stage with R&B star Be-

At one point, the Oscars resembled the Grammys when Beyon-cé, Josh Groban, Prince and Sean "P. Diddy" Combs converged in

Beyoncé enveloped the diminutive Prince in a hug and whispered, "Are you having a party to-night? "Yes," the singer murmured

"I hope we can come." she re-





Eastwood scores Oscar knockout @

Clint Eastwood and "Million Dollar Baby' scored big with the Academy Sunday night, as the film about a female boxer and her trainer landed Best Picture. Director and Actress awards.

Picture "Million Dollar Baby Actor Jamie Foxx

Actress Hilary Swank,

"Million Dollar Baby" Supporting Morgan Freeman

Actor "Million Dollar Baby" Supporting Cate Blanchett, Actress "The Aviator Director Clint Eastwood

"Million Dollar Baby"

Source: Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences

Top left: Oscar presenter Renée Zellweger congratulates Morgan Freeman backstage Sunday after he won the Oscar for best

supporting actor for his role in "Million Dollar Baby." A winner last year, Zellweger chased Freeman down backstage to give him the envelope bearing his name as recipient of the Academy Award.

Left: Jorge Drexler poses with his Oscar for best original song for "Al Otro Lado Del Rio" from the motion picture "The Motorcycle Diaries" during the ceremony Sunday in Los Angeles.

Winning actors Freeman, Foxx make history Oscar quotes

BY DAVID GERMAIN The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Jamie Foxx and Morgan Freeman made it another record night for black actors at the Academy Awards, their wins coming just three years after Denzel Washington and Halle Berry shattered the Oscars' racial ceiling.

"It means that Hollywood is continuing to make history," Freeman said backstage. "We're evolving with the rest of the world.

Foxx, who went into Sunday's competition as one of the most certain front-runners in Oscar history, won the best actor prize for his extraordinary emulation of Ray Charles in the biopic "Ray." Freeman

took the supporting actor honor for his role In his acceptance speech, Foxx recalled being introduced years ago to pioneering black actor Sidney Poitier

in "Million Dollar Baby."

"He said, 'I give you responsibility.' So I'm taking that responsibility tonight," Foxx said. "Thanks, Sidney."

It was only the second time in the Oscars' 77-year history that blacks earned two of the four acting awards, following Washington and Berry's lead-acting wins for "Training Day" and "Monster's Ball."

With a supporting actor nomination for the hit-man thriller "Collateral" Foxy 37 also became the first black actor to compete in two categories in the same year

This time out, blacks overall had their best year ever at the Oscars, earning a record five of 20 acting nominations. Don Cheadle and Sophie Okonedo were nomi-



Morgan Freeman, left, shakes hands with Jamie Foxx backstage after both actors won Oscars Sunday at the 77th Academy Awards in Los Angeles. Freeman won best supporting actor honors for "Million Dollar Baby" and Foxx for best actor in "Ray."

nated for "Hotel Rwanda."

Nominated three times previously, Freeman, 67, won for his role as a worldly wise ex-boxer doing odd jobs at a gym run by his best pal (Clint Eastwood).

Berry's and Washington's wins were viewed as a sign of progress.

"Things are changing," Berry said be-fore the ceremony. "I knew that three vears ago

Quotes from the Academy Awards:

"She's here with me again tonight, so at 96, I'm thanking her for her genes. ...
I figure I'm just a kid. I've got a lot of

stuff to do yet."

— Clint Eastwood, whose mother was with him when he won the best director Oscar in 1993 and again on Sunday

"I don't know what I did in this life to deserve all of this. I'm just a girl from a trailer park who had a dream." Best actress winner Hilary Swank

"It's a great night tonight. We have four black nominees tonight. It's kinda

like Def Oscar Jam tonight ' Oscar host Chris Rock

"She was my first acting teacher. She told me stand up straight, shoulders back. Act like you've got some sense. back. Act like you've got some sense. We would go places and I was wild-eyed. She said act like you've been someplace. And when I would act the fool, she would whip me."

Jamie Foxx, giving tribute to his late grandmother, Estelle

"I don't know what's more frightening, being watched by millions of peo-ple, or the hundreds of people that are going to be annoved with me tomorrow for not mentioning them.'

Animated feature Oscar winner Brad Bird, writer-director of the "The Incredibles"

Source: BTK serial killer suspect confesses

BY ROXANA HEGEMAN

The Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. - The police chief warned Monday that public speculation could complicate the BTK serial killings investigation and vowed that suspect Dennis Rader will "not be tried in the media, but rather in a court of

Rader, the churchgoing family man and Cub Scout leader arrested Friday, was being held in connection with 10 deaths between 1974 and 1991. An initial court apnearance was set for Tuesday A source close to the investigation said he had confessed to six kill-

"The guy is telling us about the murders," the source said on the condition of anonymity

Rader, 59, was being held in lieu of \$10 million bail. Police had long linked the BTK killer to eight murders but added two more on Saturday after Rader's arrest and said their investigation was continuing. The nickname

comes from the killer's own writings to authorities and stands for "Bind, Torture, Kill."

The source also said investigators were looking at three other killings. But Police Chief Norman Williams repeated the figure of 10 killings

Rader was scheduled to appear in court Tuesday via video so prosecutors could recite yet-to-be-filed criminal charges against him and so the judge could review bail. It was unclear whether Rader had a lawyer.

Prosecutors had said initially they could not pursue the death penalty against Rader because the 10 murders linked to BTK happened when Kansas did not have the death penalty. The state restored capital punishment in 1994.

The source said police also were looking into whether Rader was responsible for the deaths of two Wichita State University students as well as a woman who lived down the street from another known victim of BTK

It was unclear when the three

said one of them took place while Kansas' death penalty was in ef-

The BTK killer re-emerged over the last year, taunting police with letters and packages sent to media outlets. Authorities have declined to say what led them to zero in on Rader, a married father of two and an active member of a Lutheran church.

He was anything but a recluse. His job as a city code enforcement supervisor required daily contact with the public, and he even appeared on television in 2001 in his uniform for a story on vicious dogs running loose in Park City.

Before becoming a municipal employee, Rader worked for a home-security company, where he held several positions that allowed him access to customers homes, including a role as installation manager. He worked for ADT Security Systems from 1974 to 1989 - the same time as a maiority of the BTK killings.

Associated Press writer David Twiddy



Gerald Mansholt, bishop of Central State Synod of the Episcopal National Church, is interviewed Sunday following a service at Christ Lutheran Church in Wichita, Kan. Dennis Rader, a suspect in the BTK killings, is a member of the church.

Bush wants to work with governors to fix Medicaid

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush told the nation's governors on Monday that he recognizes their alarm over soaring Medic-aid costs and proposed federal cutbacks and vowed to work with them toward a compromise.

"We want Medicaid to work," Bush said. "We also recognize that the system needs to be reformed. And we want to work with you to do so," he added.

While overhauling Social Security dominates discussions in the nation's capital, financing problems with Medicaid is commanding most of the attention in the 50 state capitals.

Bush has sought \$40 billion in cuts in the program. Much of that would come from stopping states from using certain accounting techniques to draw down federal Medicaid funds."The governors are on the front line of Medicaid, I know full well," Bush said.

Governors brought a mixed message to the meeting: Republicans and Democrats alike are bucking the president's budget cuts to Medicaid, while embracing some of his reforms and pushing for federal willingness to allow states to experiment more.

The Medicaid cuts would cause

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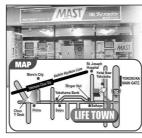
severe problems at home, governors said. "I don't think there are any divisions among governors on the spending reductions, said Ohio Gov. Bob Taft, a Republi-

"The real issue is it's governors against the White House and Con-

gress." At the same time, governors of both parties attending their annual winter meeting say the \$300 billion-plus, 52 million-patient program is growing too fast to continne with the status and It's time for bigger reforms.

Their line echoes the stance of Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt, a former governor. Leavitt spent much of the two days leading up to the White House meeting trying to win support for Bush's budget proposals and in hearing the concerns of governors, according to state chief executives and Leav-

But consensus was elusive on either sweeping support or sweeping reforms. So far, governors agreed only to oppose the cuts and tentatively embrace ele-ments of the budget plan that aim to drive down drug prices and discourage the middle-class elderly from relying on Medicaid for nursing home care



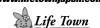
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Prosecutor lays out case against **Michael Jackson**



BY LINDA DEUTSCH The Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. - A prosecutor laid out the child molestation and conspiracy case against Michael Jackson on Monday, saying his 15-year-old accuser was abused and employees tried to silence him and his family by warning that his mother could

In his opening statement, District Attorney Tho-mas Sneddon also said that Jackson showed the boy adult material on the Internet from the first time he stayed at Neverland in 2000, when the boy was 10

years old Opening statements began after Superior Court Judge Rodney S. Melville read the indictment to the jury, revealing the names of five unindicted alleged

co-conspirators. All are Jackson employees The judge also read 28 overt acts allegedly committed in a conspiracy surrounding the alleged molestation of the boy, a cancer patient, at Jackson's Neverland ranch and a purported attempt to keep his fami-

Sneddon referred to the boy by name after telling the court it would be impossible to proceed without

using the real names of the child and his family. Sneddon, Santa Barbara County's top prosecutor, told the jury that the case was about Jackson's "desperate attempt" to salvage his career after the airing of the television documentary "Living With Michael Jackson," in which the pop star is seen holding hands with the boy and saying he allows children to sleep in his bed.

Jackson had intended to exploit the boy by using the documentary to demonstrate how the singer helped him through his cancer, Sneddon said. He

said Jackson told him what to say.
"He never told the boy that this video was anything other than an audition," Sneddon said.

Sneddon said "Jackson's world was rocked" when the documentary aired in early 2003 and backfired

by creating negative publicity. At that point, he said, Jackson's team tried to get the boy and his family to rebut it.

The prosecutor said the molestation occurred after those events, in February or March 2003, when the boy was 13. He described two specific incidents of molestation, including one when Jackson reached into the boy's underpants and masturbated the boy and himself

The defense opening statement was to follow the

prosecution's presentation. The defense has cast Jackson as the target of a money-hungry mother who coached her son to spin stories when it looked like their celebrity benefactor would cut them off. The defense will present evidence that the mother has sued others in the past claiming abuse

Supreme Court will hear case on civil jurisdiction

WASHINGTON preme Court said Monday it will use a renters' lawsuit claiming personal injury from toxic mold in apartments to clarify when plaintiffs can sue in federal or state court.

The question is a hot political topic, since consumers often pursue claims in state courts, where large payouts in class-action lawsuits tend to be made. Earlier this month, President Bush signed legislation aimed at steering bi-money lawsuits to federal courts. Under federal rules, a defen-dant has a right to "remove" a case from state to federal court when the two parties are citizens

of different states and the claimed damages exceed \$75,000. At issue is whether Virginia renters Christophe and Juanita Roche can sue their landlord, Lincoln Property Co., in Virginia state court over exposure to toxic mold in their apartment. The company has a subsidiary in Virginia.

Monday's Supreme Court highlights

- Heard arguments on whether foreign cruise lines sailing in U.S. waters must comply with a federal disabilities law requiring better access for passengers in wheelchairs.
- Agreed to consider whether states may tax motor fuel that is sold on Indian reservations in a case involving the Prairie Band Potawatomi tribe in Kansas
- Said it will consider whether a whistleblower prosecutor may sue his former employers for retaliation after he reported possible wrongdoing by the sheriff's office.
- Agreed to review whether a federal appeals court may examine the sufficiency of evidence in a civil jury case when a party failed to move for a new trial.
- Declined to hear the appeal of Panos Tsolainos, the former Louisiana shipping executive serving a life sentence for running over his ev-wife with a car
- Asked for the U.S. solicitor general's views in a case challenging a multimillion dollar award against North Carolina-based Labo ratory Corp. of America for patent infringement involving a test that helps predict strokes, heart attacks and dementia.

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BY SCOTT SONNER The Associated Press

RENO Nev - For the first time in more than a generation, the mustang — the very symbol of the American West — can be slaughtered for horsemeat.

In December, Congress repealed the 34-year-old ban on the slaughter of the wild horses that run free across the West. The move has brought a powerful backlash from activists, who want to reinstate full protection for the mustangs.

"It is really a slap in the face to the American peo ple," said Betty Kelly, co-founder of the horse protec-tion group Wild Horse Spirit in Virginia City, Nev.

Acting on behalf of ranchers who say the horses eat forage needed by cattle, Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., attached the amendment in December to a spending bill that President Bush signed into law.

It allows for the sale for slaughter of some older and unwanted horses that are captured during the periodic government roundups aimed at reducing the wild nonulation now estimated at 33 000 across 10 Western states. About 19,000 of the horses are in

A bill to reinstate the slaughter ban was intro duced in Congress last month. Responsibilty for



A herd of wild horses is rounded up in July on the Diamond Mountain range near Eureka, Nev. Overpopulation of the herds requires the Bureau of Land Management to round up the horses. The horses will either be adopted out or sent to sanctuaries in the Midwest.

rounding up horses on federal land and selling them rests with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, which has yet to send any of the animals to slaughter.

BLM officials said the agency is reaching out to animal protection groups and is optimistic that beannian protection groups and is optimistic that oc-fore the summer, it will find new homes for the 8,900 horses and burros that could be subject to slaughter. "We realize it is a challenge, but we think there are owners out there that would provide the kind of care we are looking for," BLM spokesman

Tom Gorey said from Washington, D.C The issue has dogged the Interior Department and Congress since Nevada's Velma Johnson, also known as Wild Horse Annie, and a legion of schoolchildren persuaded Congress to outlaw the use of motor vehicles to hunt the mustangs in 1959. That was followed by the Wild Horse and Burro Protection Act of 1971

AP-IPSOS POLL

Many uneasy about retirement finances

Almost half of Americans who haven't retired say they don't think they're doing a good job of preparing finances for their retirement, according to a recent poll.

Do you approve, disapprove or have mixed feelings about the way George W. Bush is handling Social Security?



Public Affairs from Feb. 22-24 The not of 1 000 adults has a marrin of npling error of ±3 percentage points.

Asked to adults not retired: Looking to your retirement, how confident are you that you will have financial resources to live

Very Somewhat Not too confident confident 29% 19% 15%

Not at all confident Not sure 1% Do you think you will do any work for pay after you retire? Yes response: 63%

For money to make ends me To have enough money to retire

31% To stay Try a new career 2% busy

Poll: Americans fret about retirement

WASHINGTON - Millions of Americans are uneasy about their financial prospects in old age - a nervousness that complicates President Bush's uphill efforts to persuade them to accept dramatic changes he's proposing for Social Security

Almost half of Americans who haven't retired say they don't think they're doing a good job of getting ready for that time in their lives, an Associated Press poll found. Many say they're not confident they'll have enough money to live comfortably after they quit working.

People are trapped in a dilemma." said Robert Blendon, a polling expert at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. "They know they're not saving enough. They can't count on Social Security and they're not sure these pri vate accounts will be better. They're not sure what to do '

In this uneasy climate, Bush's plan to allow personal accounts within Social Security hasn't caught fire with the public. The plan calls for letting younger workers put part of their Social Security payroll taxes in private investment accounts

More than half of Americans. say they oppose his plan to create personal accounts, while 39 percent say they support it, according to the poll conducted for AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

A question about Bush's handling of the present Social Security system drew similar responses. with 56 percent saying they disapprove of his performance and 39 percent approving. Five percent said they had mixed feelings.

U.S. seniors look to Europe for drugs

WASHINGTON - Activists

for older Americans are exploring buying prescription drugs from Europe and Asia because of concerns that the Canadian government will shut off the flow of cheaper drugs to the United States Several groups from northern

states plan to meet in Philadelphia this month to discuss banding together to buy drugs from outside North America

They would use countries that are listed in an importation bill pending in the Senate that autho-

Canada, Australia, Japan, New Zealand and members of the Euronean Union "As it becomes harder and

harder to get drugs from Canada. we are all looking to explore options elsewhere," said Lee Grac-zyk, legislative director of the Minnesota Senior Federation.

The supply of some drugs from Canada has already decreased as American manufacturers cut off sales to Canadian pharmacies that sell to U.S. customers. Now, the Canadian government is considering several proposals that

drugs, such as requiring that peonle see Canadian doctors to get drugs in that country. President Bush's administra-

tion opposes importation of drugs from abroad, arguing the practice is unsafe.

Importing drugs into the United States is technically illegal, but the Food and Drug Administration generally does not stop small amounts purchased for personal use

The FDA says allowing drugs from Europe raises even more concerns than importing them from Canada.

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PETA Internet competition spotlights sexy vegetarians

BY MATT EHLERS

Raleigh (N.C.) News & Observer

Elizabeth Holloway has found herself a sexy hunk of man meat. Make that man sov. And she wants everyone to know His name is Kyle Chalk, they've been dating just under a

vear and are in love (thanks for asking). But is she trying to keep him to

herself? Heck, no. Holloway is so proud of her boyfriend, his blue eyes and his diet, that she entered him into a contest looking to find the Sexiest Vegetarian Alive, a move that invites strangers to check him out on the Internet and

Thing is, she never told him a thing about it.

"He's kind of shy," said Hollo-

way, 23. "I didn't think he'd be up

Sponsored by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, the contest follows the organization's naming each year of a sexiest male and female vegetarian celebrity. (Rapper Andre 3000 and actress Alicia Silverstone won last year.) For the regular-people version, PETA received about 200 male nominations and more than 250 female nominations, which the staff whittled down to 10 women and nine

Chalk found out only when he learned he had become a finalist He decided to go with it. "I'm down for doing something positive," he said.

You can vote at goveg.com until March 11.

ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Better wages, benefits

As general economic conditions improve, employers may be slightly more generous about wage increases when contract talk time arrives, according to a survey of companies' bargaining

However, employers are still keen on achieving labor concessions when it comes to the pricey arena of health care and insurance benefits, with 69 percent saying they need to pursue sayings in those areas. But almost that percentage, 59 percent, said better wages might be an option.

And where would employers ost like to cut or eliminate benefits? Prescription drug coverage led that group, with nearly a third (32 percent) citing that cost. That was followed by doc-tor visits (28 percent), hospital coverage (26 percent) and surgi-cal coverage (26 percent).

Almost a fourth of employers that have restrictions on outsourcing or subcontracting will be seeking to curtail or elimiate those provisions in 2005.

The results are from a survey of 100 U.S. companies by Washington-based BNA Inc., which publishes financial reports and other analysis for business. PRECIOUS METALS

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Gold	\$434
Silver	\$7.7

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43	FOX	Eric and mom see R-rated movie.	Eric and Donna double-date. (CC)	Homer fears his job is in jeopardy.		Donna is fired. (N) (CC) (DVS)	Interns Funeral home. (N) (CC)	fore judges. (N) (CC	c))	news		Possible spinoffs from the series.	George cope with women. (CC)
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46	COURT	NYPD Blue "Jealou deeds are performe anced woman posin	d by mentally unbal- g as a cop.	al assault. (CC)	Cops A deputy pur- sues a motorcyclist. (CC)	The Investigators ' man confesses to re	ape.	Forensic Files Heavy fog on High- way I-75. (N)	Psychic Detec- tives Police officer disappears. (N)	Dominick Dunne: I Justice "Rich Man,	Power, Privilege & Poor Man" (N)	Caught	Masterminds 'Bill Dhaliwhal' High- tech car theft ring.
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60	NICK	The Fairly Odd- Parents Timmy's dessert diet. (N)	Rugrats Angelica and Susie com- pete. (CC)	The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	The Fairly Odd- Parents Vicky en- ters a pageant.	SpongeBob SquarePants April Fool's Day. (CC)	Unfabulous Addie Singer unveils new image. (CC)	Full House "One Last Kiss" (CC)	Full House Family meets mischievous Rusty. (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air A think- ing lesson. (CC)	The Cosby Show Cousin Pam joins household. (CC)	Roseanne Sisters feud in the Conner household.	Murphy Brown Murphy's sued after an accident.

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PAO prefers party line

I read with great amusement Col. Mary-Ann B. Cummings' Feb. 27 letter "Com-plete picture on curfew," in which she stated that the Feb. 13 cover story concerning U.S. Forces Korea's curfew is "inaccurate and incomplete." This is definitely a case of the "pot calling the kettle black." I am certain that if [the article] contained anything other than the "party line," it was "inaccurate and incomplete" as far as USFK command representatives are concerned. However, I somehow think there was more truth than fiction in the subject arti-

I was really amused when I read her comment that Stars and Stripes' "failure to report the news in an objective, balanced manner has led to misinformation and con-fusion among members of USFK regarding the curfew policy." Does she really think that we believe information coming out of the USFK public affairs office is "obiective and balanced"? Her attempt to explain the policy is a "verbatim copy" of everything we've already heard.

An interesting note: It has been learned that the authority to respond to Freedom of Information Act requests has been pulled from local public affairs offices in South Korea when the requests are for information regarding the curfew and force protection. Any related requests for this information must go to the central Public Affairs Office only. Is the reason for this to ensure "objective and balanced" informa-

Bill Evans

Camp Humphreys, South Korea **USFK** explanation falls short

To Col. MaryAnn Cummings, who wrote the Feb. 27 letter "Complete picture on curfew": You were correct when you said that "the Feb. 13 cover story and relat-ed articles concerning U.S. Forces Korea's curfew were inaccurate and incom plete." The article did not mention that this curfew was based on flawed information. It did not mention that the U.S. Embassy has stated that this curfew is a USFK policy issue and has nothing to do with the embassy.

The U.S. Embassy does have responsi-bility for informing U.S. citizens overseas of any dangers in their area, the last time I checked

The embassy has issued no travel restrictions or warnings for tourists. Are you saying the U.S. Embassy is knowingly putting American citizens at risk? Or you saying that the commander of USFK Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, has not shared all his information with the U.S. Embassy so they can make a valid assessment of the threat to issue such warnings? Or is it that Gen. LaPorte and his staff have conspired to subjugate American citizens under the false pretense of "force protection"?

You say there is a threat. What is it? (And don't hand me that "global threat of terrorism" line: Every place has that and they are not under curfew.) The only threat to my way of life in this country re-sides in Seoul and I don't mean the South

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Korean government. If there is a threat of this magnitude to require the abridgment of constitutional rights, where is the threat condition increase, still "Bravo" last time I checked? Where is the hazardous-duty pay? When are you going to tell new people: "No more accompanied tours"

Where is the noncombatant evacuation operation of my dependents and that of the rest of the "team"? When you said that the USFK commander has the inherent authority to take appropriate actions as he sees fit, does that include drafting private American citizens into "his" Army? I would like to know when that was put into my contract.

I would also like to know when this new authority was going to be briefed to the civil service and contracting communities. I am sure this will be a real recruiting plug for future hires. One suggestion: Get your checkbook out, since I doubt anyone is going to come here without significant incentive. You want to lock me up? Fine pay me for my time.

You say: "[T]he commander has the inherent authority to take appropriate measures to ensure the readiness, health, safety and protection of the force." I guess this includes the authority to photograph American citizens off-post who are breaking no South Korean laws.

I retired in 1997. I did my time and never in that period saw an abuse of authority on this magnitude. Where does Gen. LaPorte get the "inherent authority" to deprive law-abiding citizens of their constitutional rights? Using this logic of a threat, what is the next step, lockdown the entire United States since they have a larger terrorist threat there than we do here? I forgot, citizens there still have the right to hear arms.

Air Force Maj. Rick Durkin (retired) Anjung-ri, South Korea

Rookie mistakes on veterans

As I have talked to several congression

media personnel over the past year, one

common theme seems to strike me. Most of them don't know the difference between a military veteran and a military retired veteran. I would like to offer the following as a guideline to use when talking and writ ing about veterans affairs:

al aides and communicated with a few

■ A "military veteran" is a person who served in the active military, naval or air service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable (see United States Code, Title 38 — Veterans' Benefits, Part I, Chapter 1, Sec. 101, Definitions, paragranh (2) at http://assembler.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode38/usc sec 38 00000101----000-.html). A "military retiree" is any former

member of the uniformed services who is entitled, under statute, to retired, retirement or retainer pay. Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to, spending 20 or more years in the military or permanent retirement by reasons of physical dis-

All military retirees are military veterans, but not all military veterans are military retirees.

It appears that some congressional leaders, their staff members, the news media and the American people don't realize that there is a difference between a veteran who spends 91 days in the military and is discharged and a veteran who spends 20 to 30 vears in the military and retires. They don't seem to understand that medical care promises were made to both groups, but that they are different

The military retiree was promised no-cost medical care for himself and his eligible dependents for life at military treatment facilities. The military veteran was promised medical care at a VA hospital or clinic basically for service-connected disabilities or medical conditions

Some folks get confused about what we are trying to accomplish here since we make a distinction between the military retirees and the military veterans. We make this distinction to avoid the confusion that results when calculations are made concerning how much it will cost to finance the military retiree health care that was promised.

We are told that in this country the veterans community numbers about 26.5 million. The military retirees (a subset of the veterans community) number about 1.8 million. Sometimes the military retirees get lost in the shuffle. Sometimes the wrong number is used when making calculations. Air Force Capt. Ronald J. Shaw (retired)

Trudeau strip a 'piece of crap'

As a Marine colonel based in Iraq, I am offended that the supposed "newspaper" of the services would choose to include ["Doonesbury"], that left-wing-subcutaneous-slandering piece-of-crap comic by [Garry] Trudeau, Can't Stripes find anything better on which to spend its money Col. John Crook

Al Asad Air Base Iraa

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Doonesbury Flashbacks









OPINION

What higher-education hypocrisy teaches us

he saga of Ward Churchill illustrates why there is no greater consumer fraud in America today than

"higher" education Churchill was until recently the chairman



nic studies at the University of Colorado. He resigned the post after it came to light that he had likened those killed in the World Trade Center on Sept. 11 to Nazi war

sentiments are not rare on college faculties these days, but most such anti-American passes below the pub-lic's radar. Churchill

had the misfortune of having his remarks come to the attention of Fox News' Bill O'Reilly, who took umbrage - as did his au dience

The uproar has brought to light other facts about Churchill that are embarrassing to the University of Colorado.

Churchill's academic credentials are poor. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from then-Sangamon State University. a diploma mill in Springfield, Ill., but not the doctorate normally considered de rigeur for a full professor. CU bypassed normal procedures to grant Churchill tenure. It wasn't because of his scholarship. Thomas Brown, a professor of sociology at Lamar University in Texas, said Churchill made up "facts" in a aper he wrote asserting the Army intention ally created a smallpox epidemic among the Mandan tribe in 1837, and then attributed these "facts" to sources that said nothing of the kind. University of New Mexico law professor John Lavelle said Churchill made up stuff in an article on federal law concerning American Indian lands

Churchill was hired and promoted because he claimed to be Cherokee. The Chero kees say he isn't, and researchers for the Rocky Mountain News have been unable to find a drop of Indian blood among his ancestors. Churchill is still a professor at CU, but Colorado Gov. Bill Owens wants him fired,

and the regents are considering it. Churchill says his First Amendment right to free speech is being violated. But this claim is as phony as Churchill's Indian heritage and his scholarship. The First Amendment says the government can't put you in jail for what you say. But nothing in the Constitution guarantees you the right to a

\$96,000-a-year job at taxpayer expense.

If I were to write in this column that the editor of the newspaper where I work is an idiot, the government wouldn't put me in jail. But I'd soon be unemployed. Some 200 professors at CU have bought a

newspaper ad demanding that the inquiry into Churchill be dropped. "It's going to be extremely difficult, if academic freedom is on the block, for us to hire and keep good fac-ulty members," said Margaret LeCompte, an education professor

But Churchill's defenders are highly selec-tive in defending free speech, as the controversy over Lawrence Summers at Harvard illustrates.

At a conference in January, Summers noted that despite vigorous efforts to recruit women for vacancies, the faculty in the hard sciences and higher mathematics remained overwhelmingly male. Summers speculated that this might in part be due to a difference in cognitive skills between men and women. Men, he said, are more likely to be either math geniuses or math dunces, while mathe-



matical reasoning skills are more evenly distributed among women.

MIT biology professor Nancy Hopkins said she was made ill by the remarks, providing a real-life example of the misogynist ste-reotype of the little woman with the vapors. Andrea Peyser, who writes for the New York Post, said Summers had said men were more intelligent than women. That was not at all what he said, but Peyser's inability to follow Summers' argument lends support to the thesis as she stated it.

As it happens, researchers at the University of New Mexico and the University of California, Irvine have demonstrated through a study of brain scans that men and women do process information differently.

Churchill is lionized for saying vile and untrue things about his country and countrymen. Summers is hounded for saying something nonpejorative that is demonstrably true. This is the status of free speech on campuses today.

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It's no stretch to see significance in '05 Oscar wins

By BRUCE DANCIS Sacramento (Calif) Bee

hen Hattie McDaniel became the first African-American actress to win an Academy Award, for her memorable por traval of Mammy in the 1939 epic "Gone With the Wind," she and her date had to sit by themselves at the back of the Cocoanut Grove nightclub in Los Angeles' Ambassa dor Hotel, where the awards were given out. McDaniel was not allowed to sit with produc-

or David O. Selznick and the rest of the "Gone With the Wind" entourage. Fast forward to the 2005 Academy Awards in the Kodak Theatre, where for the first time in history, people of color were nominated in all four of the acting catego ries. And the five black or Latina actors nom inated - Jamie Foxx for "Collateral" as well na "Ray," Don Cheadle and Sophie Okonedo for "Hotel Rwanda," Morgan Freeman for "Million Dollar Baby" and Catalina Sandino Moreno for "Maria Full of Grace" — was an all-time record.

Foxx's emergence as a top-ranked actor and now, an Academy Award winner, shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone who has followed his growth in show business. Beginning with his first appearances on the comedy show "In Living Color" in the 1990s Foxx has taken on more and more challenging dramatic roles, from "Any Given Sun-

and "Ali" to "Collateral" and "Ray."
Yet it is a measure of the strength of 2005's nominated performances by African-American men that one could argue that the more worthy nominee lost in the best actor and best supporting actor categories.

Cheadle's performance as Paul Rusesaba gina, the real-life hotel manager in "Hotel Rwanda," is an indelible portrait of a man conscience to heroically save more than 1,000 men, women and children from being slaughtered during the 1994 civil war in Rwanda. As good as Foxx was in embodying the mannerisms and style of Ray Charles, Cheadle may have had the more demanding, challenging role. And after delivering one searing performance after another in such films and TV movies as "Devil With the Blue Dress," "Boogie Nights," "Bulworth," "Out of Sight," "The Rat Pack" and "A Lesson Be-fore Dying," Cheadle was more than deserving of Academy recognition.

Foxx may actually have given his best performance of the year as the taxi driver in "Collateral," where he was nominated for best supporting actor rather than lead actor, even though he, rather than Tom Cruise, is the actual star of the movie and has more onscreen time than any other character

Still. Freeman's best supporting actor award for portraying a retired boxer in "Million Dollar Baby" was long overdue. Freeman has been considered one of Holly wood's finest actors for years, having racked up previous Oscar nominations for 1987's 'Street Smart," 1989's "Driving Miss Daisy and 1994's "The Shawshank Redemption."

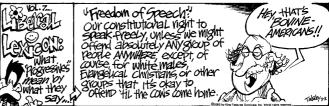
As for the women, both Moreno and Okonedo were long shots. As good as Moreno is in "Maria Full of Grace," it would have been difficult for the Academy to give a best actress Oscar to anyone making her very first screen appearance - as the young Colombian actress was On the other hand, the London-born

Okonedo, a best supporting actress nominee for her performance as Cheadle's wife in "Hotel Rwanda." deserved every consideration. Okonedo, who was also terrific as a prostitute in 2003's "Dirty Pretty Things, excels here in a demanding, pivotal role. But she was probably too little known by Academy voters to have had much of a chance.

The wins for Foxx and Freeman made this year's awards the most socially significant since the 2001 Oscars. That was the year Denzel Washington and Halle Berry took home best actor and best actress hon ors, Sidney Poitier received an honorary award and Whoopi Goldberg hosted.

Despite the expanding racial progress in the movies. Hollywood still needs to make major strides in opening up jobs in the film industry to more people of color, particular-ly technical jobs and positions in the board-rooms. We'll know when the film industry has made a dramatic, permanent change for the better when the casts of Hollywood mov-ies begin to look like the American people.

Mallard Fillmore



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Fuel truck stolen

ME MILFORD — Police are investigating the theft of a heating fuel truck that was stolen and later found drained of the 2,000 gallons of heating oil and kerosene it was carry.

The truck was stolen from Malenfant's Fuel & Bottled Gas Co in Milford, according

to the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department.

When it was found at 3:45 a.m. more than 20 miles away in Carmel, the keys were in the ignition, but the 1,650 gallons of heating oil and 350 gallons of kerosene were missing, said Deputy Will Sheehan. He valued the fuel at \$3,000

Fatal accident

FL ST. PETERSBURG — An elderly Illinois woman drove her Lincoln Town Car through a Wachovia Bank parking lot and crashed into a concrete overhang, killing a bank customer who had just emerged from the building.

The customer, Katherine Weber, 51, of St. Petersburg, was taken to Bayfront Medical Center, where she died a few hours later

Police said Marjory B. Thompson, 88, was driving a silver late-model Lincoln when the car accelerated, jumped a curb and slammed into a support holding an overhang that protected the east entrance to the bank. The impact caused the overhang to collanse onto the walkway

Police seize \$5M cash

NJ CRANBURY — State police seized more than \$5 million in cash from a tractor-trailer found idling unattended for two days on the shoulder of a roadway, authorities said.

The driver, Salvadore Delarosa, 46, of San Bernardino, Calif., was arrested on a money laundering charge

"The cash is the proceeds of illegal conduct, possibly narcotics activity, but that still remains under investigation," Attorney General Peter Harvey said, Investigators have not yet determined the exact source of the money.

Delarosa was seen near the vehicle, said state police spokesman Capt. Al Della Fave.

Train kills deaf man

PA YORK—A man struck and killed by a train was so hard of hearing that he probably never heard it approaching, his brother said.

Forrest "Jack" Rhoades Jr., 54, died several hours after he was struck by a slow-moving train as he walked to a friend's house authorities said "He was stubborn and did not

want to go get help" for his hearing and sight deficiencies, said his brother, Jason Rhoades

"He left his bifocals here at my

Rhoades died in the hospital about three hours after he was struck by the train on Feb. 11.

"He was a good brother. He was



always there for me," Jason Rhoades said

Pot seized at fish shop

RI NEWPORT — Suspecting something fishy at Long f Seafood, detectives Wharf searched the retail store and left with evidence that some customers were buying more than just fillets of cod and haddock

The investigators allege that store owner John Caminiti was selling marijuana out of the business according to Sgt. James Ouinn They seized more than 20 half-ounce bags of marijuana, mostly from store freezers.

Drug cartels growing

TX DALLAS — At least three drug-related slayings in North Texas are being blamed on a team of rogue Mexican commandos accused of orchestrating dozens of murders along the U.S.-Mexico border, raising fears that the drug war is moving north

Dallas and federal officials say eight to 10 Zetas - former mem bers of the Mexican army who defected to Mexico's Gulf drug cartel in the late 1990s - have been operating in North Texas since 2003, The Dallas Morning News reported.

The Zetas are accused of fatally shooting 26-year-old Christian Alejandro Meza in December, Authorities also believe they were involved in the deaths of Mathew Frank Geisler and Brandon Gallegos, both 19 and from Laredo.



Oh deer

A deer wandering through the hills of Oglebay Park in Wheeling, W.Va., gets a pile of snow on its nose while looking for food.

whose bodies were found in a burning sport utility vehicle September. Both had been shot.

"We're seeing an alarming number of incidents involving the same type of violence that's become all too common in Mexico, right here in Dallas," a former Dal-las narcotics officer told the newspaper on the condition of anonymity.

License reinstated

HARTFORD — Jonathan CT Googel, a key figure in the biggest real estate fraud in Connecticut history, regained his real estate license

Googel and business partner Reniamin Sisti built a \$2 billion real estate empire that collapsed in 1990, costing over 6,000 investors more than \$300 million. Googel was sentenced to seven years in

Missing rings

ME WATERVILLE — Police are investigating the possible theft of four rings valued at more than \$20,000 from Mount St. Joseph nursing home.

The jewelry was reported missing by relatives of nursing home patients in two separate incidents on two floors at the nursing home. said Waterville police Det. David Caron

The first incident was reported Feb. 4 by Fritz Bushmann, whose mother, Elizabeth, is a patient at the nursing home and who is missing a ring worth about \$15,000, according to Caron. Bushmann told police he saw the ring the night before when he was at the nursing

Mine fire flickering out

OAKWOOD - A fire that's been burning for 12 days in a massive southwestern Virginia coal mine appears to be flickering out

A bore sunk 2,400 feet into Consul Energy Inc.'s Buchanan County mine to the source of the fire found no evidence of flames or smoke, and the ambient temperature was 63 degrees.

"It would have been bad news if it was 800 degrees," Consul vice president Thomas Hoffman said. "If that means the fire's out, I don't know

Hoffman said several more probes still must be sunk to be sure, noting that the 24-square-mile mine is Virginia's largest, "These things are the size of small cities underground" he said

Kitchen duty a bad idea

PA LEBANON — An inmate at Lebanon County Prison was convicted by a jury Thursday of assault for throwing urine in the face of another inmate who was on kitchen duty

Jurors deliberated for only about an hour before convicting Warren Eugene Jeffries, 40, of a charge of assault by a prisoner.

The other inmate, Omar A. Ortiz, testified that he bent down to pick up an empty food tray placed in front of Jeffries' cell on Aug. 14 when a cup of urine was thrown in his face.



Sgt. Richard Hoffman kisses his Welcome home, dad 8-month-old daughter, Isabella, who was born while he was deployed. Hoffman and other members of the Army Reserve 343rd Quartermaster Company participated in a ecoming ceremony at the company's headquarters in Rock Hill, S.C.



Parallel lives The first wave of cross-country skiers floods the trail at the start of the American Birkebeiner at Cable Union Airport in Cable, Wis. The 51-kilometer race ended in Hayward, Wis.



Car sandwich

Fairfield, Calif., Police Col. Don Schneider writes a report after a four-car pile-up. The driver of the Volkswagen, as well as the driver of the Chevrolet resting on top of it, were transported to Kaiser Hospital and North Bay Medical Center with unknown injuries.



Lighting up the stage Members of LUMA, a light performance group, present an illuminating show at the Flickinger Center for Performing Art in Alamogordo, N.M.



Peace & tranquility A parishioner at St. Ann's Cathedral in Great Falls, Mont., prays the rosary before the start of noon Mass.



Boston Red Sox first baseman Kevin Millar pets Mike, a 6-year-old, 2,000-pound Clydesdale horse, during a break at batting practice at spring training camp in Fort Myers, Fla.



Fur Rendezvous

Asnow sculpture of a bear and walrus performing an Eskimo dance is se
in Anchorage, Alaska, as part of the Fur Rendezvous snow sculpture
competition. Each contestant is given a block of snow from which to sculpt their art, with the winners going to
the National Snow Sculpture Commettition.

Litterbug jewel thieves

GREENWICH — Two robbery suspects being chased by police hurled diamond rings and pearl necklaces onto a highway before their truck crashed and they were arrested, authorities said.

Interstate 95 was closed for nearly an hour as officers looked for the jewelry. They filled several bags of watches, rings, necklaces and bracelets, including some pieces worth thousands of dollars each.

Police said the two men forced their way into Manfredi Jewels Ltd. as employees opened it, then handcuffed the four employees at gunpoint and stole jewelry worth \$1.9 million out of a safe that had just been unlocked.

None of the workers was injured. One escaped and called police, and officers chased a sport utility vehicle for 20 miles into New York City, where it crashed.

Exonerated students

AR GREENWOOD — A federal judge has ruled in favor
of two honor students suspended
over the content of Web pages that
drew a parent's protest because of
the way they depicted athletes and
band members. The judge ordered
that no record remain of the suspensions of Ryan Kuhl and Justin
Neal.

He also ordered administrators to never mention that the pair had once been wrongly suspended.

Remodeling for school

NEWARK — The Christina school board approved the \$12.8 million purchase of a vacant building at the Pencader Corporate Center to be remodeled into a middle school.

The three-year-old building was occupied for less than a year by a company that made solar panels. The school is expected to open in time for the 2006-07 year.

Two charged in stabbing

TN CLINTON — Two teens have been charged with the stabbing death of a 93-year-old Biloxi, Miss., woman in what police are describing as a botched robbery.

Matthew Craig McKamey and Joshua Ryan Teague, both 19, are charged with capital murder in the death of Iva Elizabeth Moore. Moore, who lived alone, died of a stab wound to her neck, Biloxi Police Department Capt. Rick Kirk said

"They broke into the house for burglary purposes and killed the old lady while they were inside," Kirk said. A kitchen knife believed to be the murder weapon was recovered in a wooded area in the vicinity, he said.

The two teens are being held at the county jail under no bond.

Downtown boost

PROVIDENCE — Mayor David Cicilline and developers announced plans to build a residential high-rise with luxury condominiums that they say will revitalize the downtown area.

The 32-story, glass-paneled tower will include condominiums priced at \$500,000 to \$2.5 million. Construction on the privately financed, \$90 million project is scheduled to begin in December.

Dethroning the monarch

AL MONTGOMERY — The monarch butterfly, Alabama's official state insect since 1989, could be dethroned.

A bill, sponsored by Rep. Sue Schmitz, would end the butterfly's reign as a symbol of Alabama and substitute the queen honey bee as the official state insect.

Schmitz said a beekeeper in her Madison County district suggested the change. She said it would bring attention to the bee industry in Alba bama and the help that bees provide in pollinating plants in the agricultural state. So what about the monarch butterfly? "It doesn't bring any money in," she said.

Fireproof cigarettes

MONTPELIER — Lawmakers are considering a bill that would require all cigarettes sold in the state be fireproof.

A joint House and Senate composal Friday, One of the witnesses, Russell Sciandra, pulled a pack of Newport menthol cigarettes from his coat pocket and showed them the tiny asterisk on the side of the package near the bar code.

It's the only indication that these cigarettes, which he purchased in New York, had been specially manufactured to burn out rather than smolder if left unattended.

Governor on defense

MO JEFFERSON CITY —
Gov. Matt Blunt defended
a comment he made during a recent Republican rally that Democrats can be found in Missouri only
in places "where nobody wants to
live anymore."

Blunt said his point was that Republicans are winning in growing communities. Democratic lawmakers from St. Louis and Kansas City perceived their cities as the targets of Blunt's one-liner.

\$600M jobs initiative

MA BOSTON — Gov. Mitt Romney unveiled a proposed \$600 million jobs initiative he says will help create up to 20,000 new jobs over the next five years. Romney says his bill would attract businesses in areas such as academic research, biotechnology and defense technology.

The bill includes \$246 million in tax relief for businesses.

Salary increase wanted

TX AUSTIN — Supreme Court
Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson says Texas is losing judges
because their salaries haven't kept
pace with the times. Jefferson, in
its annual State of the Judiciary
Speech to legislators, said it's no secret that judges double or triple
their salaries by returning to the
private sector.

Trying to ban cameras

AUSTIN — The Texas House gave preliminary approval to a bill that would ban cities from using cameras to issue citations to drivers who run rel lights. Supporters of such cameras say they decrease side-impact accidents. The sponsor, Rep. Gary Elikins of Houston, said the practice serves as a moneymaking mechanism for cities.

Stories and photos from wire services

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J Horoscope

Sagittarius lunar energy ignites fire in the soul. The effort it took to research, explore and embrace the new is now no effort at all

- the process is as natural as waking up in the morning. Without fear holding us back, we can leap into the air without a thought or worry about where we'll land. The landing plans itself as it happens

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 2). You have much

to be proud of this year. Know your mission, and promote it heavily in the next 10 weeks - financial wins and career opportunities are a direct result of your public relations. Work on yourself in a structured environment through April and May. Your personal life blossoms with new confidence. Likely partners are Cancer and Leo.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A reality check is featured. This is a

momentary blow to pride but ultimately a breakthrough. Work to eliminate the self-imposed restrictions that have kept you telling the same sob story over and over

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Recent changes have made it impos-

sible for you to go about your business in the same manner as before But you're feeling brave about your new life. As an exercise, command an audience - take over a room.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your heart is in the right place. Still

there's a charmingly misbegotten quality to the day's endeavors. One can almost hear Paul Simon softly crooning in the background, "Still crazy after all these years.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

The conventional method isn't going to work, period. You'll know you're on the right track when you field your share of sideways glances, like you've got poppy seeds stuck in your teeth.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll have to build up your nerve and then rebuild it. Anxiousness is a

good sign, though. It means you've got enough going on in your life to really care about what is at stake.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Modern life has modern challenges. If you're not frustrated by technology

today, perhaps it's a sign that you should be upgrading. Maybe it's time to get your own Web site and learn how to use

LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). Your "resume" precedes you. both in romance and in business. When friends have something wonder ful to say about you, your stock goes up! This

afternoon, plant more seeds for future connections.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Tasks that used to go quickly seem

to be taking longer - it's because you care more about the outcome Just because you obsess over a project doesn't mean it will turn out better. In fact, the opposite may be

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Something important comes

out of all your clowning around. Others just wouldn't understand. One can never underestimate the role of whimsy, mischief and magic in the life of a Sagittarius.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). You've cultivated a certain degree of confidence, and seeing how well it works, now you'll go even further. First, you'll think confident thoughts, then, you'll write confident words, and finally, you'll take confident action

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The intersection of two sectors of your life is featured - probably two

distinct worlds that you unconsciously have been trying to keep separate. Worry not. You'll be accepted. There is no danger.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your superior charm and grace are

featured. Put them to good use by thanking all of the people who have allowed you to get where you are. This can be done in thought, deed or word - it all counts.

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Dear Abby

Privacy a hospital patient's choice

Dear Abby: I am a nursing supervisor in a large hospital There is a policy in hospitals that the public does not understand. and it has caused more than a

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few problems Because of privacy laws, all patients admitted to the hospital must be asked if they want to be a "privacy patient" or a "no publici-ty patient." If they answer ves to that question it means that if anyone calls, or comes to the hospital, we cannot even acknowledge that the patient is here. We must say, "I don't have a patient listed by that

Not surprisingly, this often upsets friends and family members. So please, Abby, remind your readers about the privacy laws. We are not purposely lying to anyone; we are just following the patient's instructions and obeying the miles

 Frustrated Nurse in Ironton, Ohio

for injecting an important dose of reality. While some patients may welcome visitors, many more do not. One solution is to assign a particular relative or friend to be the "minister of information

Dear Abby: When my husband's grand-

mother died two years ago, my mother-in-law. Shirley," told us we could go through the items left in her moth er's house, take what we wanted, and then

discard the rest. I took mostly kitchen stuff mainly pots and pans. My birthday was last week and I had to work

late, so Shirley came over and cooked dinner for me. A couple of days later, I was going to cook some lasagna and take it to her home, but after searching high and low, I was unable to locate a particular dish I used. Finally, after going through every cupboard, I called Shirley to ask

where she had put it. She then

mother's dish, she had taken it. I was upset and told her I

wanted it back. Shirley told me no and hung up on me! My mother-in-law has not spoken to me since, and now she's fighting with my husband because he stood up to defend me.

I don't want a lasagna dish to divide my family, but I refuse to be treated this way. How would you have handled this situation?

- Offended in Odessa, Texas Dear Offended: Your mother-in-law was wrong to take the dish without asking or letting you know. However, it's possible the item has some sentimental mean

Bearing that in mind, and in the interest of family harmony, I'd have written Shirley a note telling her that she's welcome to it — and then I'd have gone out and bought myself another lasagna pan

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at

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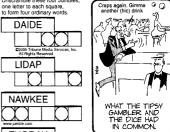
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Yesterday's **Family Circus**

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"PJ was pushing the phone buttons and somebody said 'hello.'

Jokes too crude for polite company

Dear Annie: Once again, we've endured an unnleasant visit from my boyfriend's daughter, "Mitzi," and her husband, "Boris." Mitzi is OK, but Boris is intolerable. Unfortunately, Mitzi apparently sees nothing wrong with her husband's behavior She will occasionally tell him to "shush," but that's about it.

Every time we are in Boris' company, he expounds about bathroom proce dures and tells jokes about everything anal. One time, my boyfriend had a private conversation with Mitzi about her husband. and she broke into tears and defended him. She said that he expects us to laugh at his stories I admit, when I first met him six years ago, he would make mild allusions about some vulgarity in a recent movie, and it could be amusing. But now it occurs every time we are in their company. and it's becoming more and more Mitzi was not raised this way.



and we can't understand why she isn't embarrassed. We have asked Boris to refrain from this kind of talk. but he just ignores us. - Disgusted in Florida

Dear Disgusted: You must be more forceful. Whenever Boris starts one of his stories, stori him midstream, and say you aren't interest ed in listening to such vulgarity and to please

talk about something else. If he won't stop, you can ask him to leave, or you can get up and walk out of the room. Boris con tinues to do this because you put up with it and he doesn't respect you. Mitzi defends him because she IS embarrassed, but thinks this is the way to be "supportive" of her husband. She is mistaken.

Dear Annie: I am "Scared to Death," who wrote about my husband, "Chet," who watched incest porn. After reading the ses you printed, I thought you might appreciate an update

First, none of Chet's porn ever involved minors. After my letter was printed, I followed your advice and demanded that Chet attend counseling with me. Chet was diagnosed with sexual addic-tion, and like any addiction, the need escalates, along with the desire for more exciting forms But addictions can be managed

and the addict can live a normal

life through hard work and dedi-cation to being healthy again. Chet voluntarily turned over his Internet password to me, we no longer have porn in the house. and he is a new man. Getting his addiction under control has made him stronger and happier. I'm glad I stayed

- Still Chet's Wife Dear Chet's Wife: We're glad you stayed, too, because it gives Chet a reason to stay clean and be a better man. We want to believe the two of you will make it. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, Iongtime editors of the Ann Landers Column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox/gloomeast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syncates, 577 W. Century Bluck, Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 50048.

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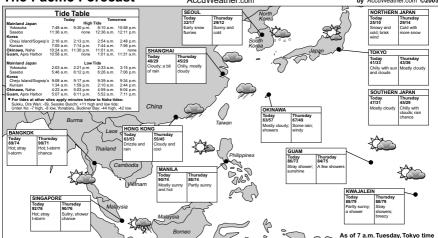




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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Friday: Rain, high 48, low 37. Saturday: Partly sunny, high 47, low 33.

KADENA

Friday: Mostly cloudy, high 55, low 43. Saturday: Partly sunny, high 51, low 42.

SEOUL

Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 28, low 8. Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 24, low 11.

MANIIA

Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 88, low 72. Saturday: Showers, high 86, low 72

HAGATNA

Friday: Showers, high 86, low 75. Saturday: Showers, high 86, low 75.

Monday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW		IIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	57/32	Los Angeles	66/50
Amarillo	59/25	Little Rock	56/31
Anchorage	32/16	Louisville	45/28
Asheville	42/27	Miami	85/57
Baltimore	35/30	Milwaukee	35/19
Birmingham	51/33	Nashville	46/30
Bismarck	27/5	New York	34/30
Boise	51/34	Omaha	31/14
Boston	36/29	Orlando	75/50
Brownsville	79/56	Philadelphia	35/30
Buffalo	38/26	Phoenix	72/52
Burlington	31/22	Pittsburgh	34/28
Charleston, S	C 57/38	Portland, OR	60/46
Charlotte	42/30	Portland, ME	33/25
Cleveland	42/29	Salt Lake City	51/31
Columbus, Oh	40/28	St. Louis	39/21
Duluth	20/6	San Antonio	68/49
El Paso	63/36	San Diego	66/55
Hartford	33/26	San Juan	85/72
Helena	48/26	Tampa	73/52
Indianapolis	39/24	Tulsa	46/23
Jacksonville	71/43	Washington, D	
Kansas City	37/16	Wichita	48/21



U.S. Extended Forecast

Blustery and cold conditions will be found across the eastern half of the nation Wednesday. Snow showers and flurries will occur downwind of the Great Lakes. Meanwhile, high pressure over the northern Plains will keep much of the nation's midsection dry with some sunshine. Tranquil weather is expected in the Southeast. Some light rain may break out in southeast Texas. There will be a couple of showers in the Northwest and northern California. The Southwest will be dry. Colder-than-average weather will continue to dominate the Northeast and mid-Atlantic states on Thursday and Friday. However, not much snow will be found in these regions.

Wednesday's Pacific Temperatures

Wednesday's World Temperatures

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CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY H	IGH/LOW
Bangkok	89/74	Iwakuni	44/31	Sasebo NB	47/33	Acapulco	88/72	Budapest	30/18	Kabul	49/25	Nairobi	88/56
Beijing	37/16	Kadena AB	63/57	Sapporo	25/10	Athens	48/39	Buenos Aires	82/61	Kiev	23/16	New Delhi	82/58
Camp Casey	33/16	Kunsan AB	38/23	Seoul	32/17	Auckland	66/56	Cairo	93/68	Kuwait	80/59	Oslo	18/14
Christchurch	68/52	Kwajalein	88/79	Shanghai	48/29	Baghdad	83/59	Cancun	75/60	London	41/30	Paris	37/32
Diego Garcia	87/78	Manila	90/74	Singapore	92/76	Barbados	87/70	Cape Town	83/60	Madrid	46/34	Rio de Janeiro	76/63
Hagatna	86/73	Misawa AB	27/13	Sydney	85/63	Barcelona	45/39	Geneva	38/29	Mexico City	73/46	Rome	48/33
Hanoi	71/53	Osan	35/19	Taegu	40/27	Berlin	30/19	Istanbul	39/28	Montreal	24/5	St. Petersburg	10/-2
Hong Kong	63/53	Perth	74/48	Taipei	66/52	Bermuda	66/52	Jerusalem	71/52	Mogadishu	93/79	Stockholm	21/16
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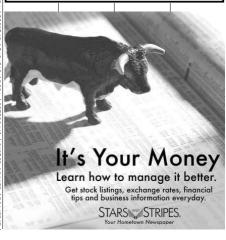
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College baseball

Sunday's scores

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Music City Challenge

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Lipscomb 10, Boston College 6

Vanderbilt 3, Connecticut 6

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 (31) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 250, \$148,811.

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7. (18) Mark Martin, Ford, 250, \$116,825.
8. (41) Ellilott Sadler, Ford, 250, \$141,316.
9. (9) Ryan Newman, Dodge, 250, \$138,616.
10. (23) Rusty Wallace, Dodge, 250
\$127,383. \$127,383. 11. (7) Dale Jarrett, Ford, 250, \$130,458. 12. (10) Mike Bliss, Chevrolet, 250, \$94,500. 13. (14) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 250, \$127,225.

14. (38) Ken Schrader, Dodge, 250, \$90,575. 15. (13) Sterling Marlin, Dodge, 250 \$120,383. \$120,383. 16. (27) Scott Wimmer, Dodge, 250, \$115,233. 17. (29) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 250, 13.111. 18. (36) Kyle Petty, Dodge, 250, \$103,933. 19. (32) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 250,

\$113,420. 20. (26) Bobby Hamilton Jr., Chevrolet, 250, \$102,583. 21. (2) Brian Vickers, Chevrolet, 250, \$93,675.

\$33,675. 22. (16) Casey Mears, Dodge, 249, \$104,633. 23. (1) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 249, \$110,255. 25. (3) Travis Kvapil, Dodge, 249, \$91,550. 25. (3) Milke Wallace, Chevrolet, 298, 583,530. 26. (6) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 249, \$127, 286, 27. (37) Jeff Green, Dodge, 249, \$101,186. 28. (3) Jeremy Maylield, Dodge, 248,

\$124,728. 33. (12) Scott Riggs, Chevrolet, 229, engine failure, \$95,597. 34. (42) Dave Blaney, Chevrolet, 224,

534508. "Dave Binzier, Unevroiet, 224, engine failure, 976,700. 35. (13) Terry Labonte, Chevrolet, 221, engine failure, 976,700. 35. (11) Terry Labonte, Chevrolet, 216, rear 103,700. 350, and Leffler, Chevrolet, 215, engine failure, 516,725, trip, Chevrolet, 203, engine failure, 5103,389. 30. (4) Jose Memcheks, Chevrolet, 180, engine failure, 5103,389. 30. (4) Jose Memcheks, Chevrolet, 180, engine failure, 5104,755.

40, (17) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 167, accident, \$107,880, 41, (21) Ricky Rudd, Ford, 145, engine fail-ure, \$102,984, 42, (34) Randy LaJoie, Chevrolet, 47, trans-mission, \$75,575, 43, (22) Bill Elliott, Dodge, 23, accident, \$75,788.

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National League

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms
with RHP Jason Isringhausen on a
three-year contract.

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er. American Basketball Association MIAMI—Named Tim Hardaway president American basketudii Association
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FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS—Agreed to terms with
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tract.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Named Rip Scherer
quarterbacks coach and Bob Trott defensive
assistant. SOCCER

Major League Soccer
CLUB DEPORTIVO CHIVAS USA—Acquired
D Douglas Sequeira from Real Salt Lake for a
2007 second-round draft pick. Released D Antonio de la Torre and F Jamil Walker.

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COLLEGE

HARDING—Named Tim Kirby women's basketball coach.

VERMONT—Named Mike Lonergan men's basketball coach, effective at the end of the

TANK MCNAMARA



Walker shoots from hip, lip in Celtics' win

Boston is first Eastern team to beat Suns at home

The Associated Press

PHOENIX - In case Boston fans might have forgotten, Antoine Walker likes to

In his second game back with the Celtics, Walker put up 32 shots, and made 12 of them, in a 33-point performance to help Boston become the first Eastern Confer-ence team to win in Pheonix this season with an intense 120-113 overtime victory against the short-handed Suns.

The Suns were without Steve Nash for the third straight game with a sore hamstring, and Amare Stoudemire fouled out with 8:47 to play in regulation.

It was a wild night with seven technical fouls in the first quarter, rampant trash-talking and Mike D'Antoni's first ejection as the Suns' coach.

"[Referee] Bob Delaney said something to me I thought was great," Boston coach Doc Rivers said. "He said 'I would rather ref more games like this than games where guys show no intensity.' This to me is the way games should be, where guys are at high intensity. There were a couple of times both teams went over, but I would love every single game like this. This is what basketball should be."

Delonte West added 19 points, including the three-pointer that gave Boston the lead for good at 111-109 with 1:56 left. Paul Pierce added 25 points for the Celtics.

"The first thing Doc told me when I got here was be aggressive," Walker said. missed some chippies in there, but I felt good. I mean, I'm getting the ball in the post. As I continue to play with these guys. we're only going to get better.'

Despite his early exit, Stoudemire scored 27 for the Suns. Shawn Marion had 15 points and a career-high 20 rebounds. Joe Johnson scored 21 points — including a half-court three-pointer at the third-quar-ter buzzer — and Leandro Barbosa added 18 for Phoenix.

D'Antoni was ejected with 19.9 seconds to play after he got into a shouting match with Pierce when the Boston star was at the foul line. Pierce had mimicked Richard son's two-fist to the forehead motion that the Suns' shooter makes after a 3-pointer.

'People don't understand what the game of basketball is all about," Pierce said. "It's a physical war, but people don't understand the psychology of the game. I was just trying to get my team fired up, get our emotions into our game, and we responded

D'Antoni thought his team, at 43-14 and just percentage points behind San Antonio for best record in the league, was too caught up in the trash-talking with a team

that just climbed over .500. "We responded, and we shouldn't do it,"

league. We have the best record, and we responded to a sub-par team. That's our fault, and that's our lack of focus, a lack of 'Just say what you want.' We just fell into kind of a trap.

Phoenix had won the first two without Nash, but coming off a 124-123 victory in Dallas on Saturday night, they couldn't hold off the remodeled Celtics, 2-0 since the trade that brought Walker back to Boston on Thursday. It was the Suns' first loss in 13 games at home against Eastern Conference teams. Even without its two biggest stars. Phoe-

nix rallied to send the game into overtime.

Marion's rebound basket tied it at 100, then Pierce threw the ball away and Quentin Richardson scored on a layup to give the Suns their first lead of the second half. 102-100, with 2:14 to play.

After another Boston turnover. Richardon rebounded his miss for a basket to put Phoenix ahead 104-100 with 2:10 left.

Walker's left-handed hook tied it at 104 with 1:20 to go, then Marion made a short jumper, and Pierce's two free throws tied it at 106 with 36.6 seconds remaining.

Johnson threw up an air ball under pres sure. Walker missed from inside and the fourth quarter ended.

After West's three-pointer, Ricky Davis who scored 16 points - made two free throws, then Walker scored inside to make it 115-110 with a minute to go.



Forward Antoine Walker scored a game-high 33 points in Boston's win in Phoenix.

'We just ran out of juice," Marion said. Seven technicals were called in a 2:31 span in the first quarter. A double-technical went against Pierce and Richardson with 7:03 to play, then came a whopping quadruple technical after a pileup under the Celtics' basket involving West and Walker of Boston, and Stoudemire and

In between, Kendrick Perkins got one for comments he made from the Boston bench.

Johnson for Phoenix

NBA scoreboard

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Western Conference

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Dallas		17	.685	41/2					
Houston	32	24	.571	101/2					
Memphis	31	25	.554	111/2					
New Orleans		44	.200	31					
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Seattle	38	16	.704	-					
Minnesota	28	29	.491	111/2					
Denver		29		12					
Portland		32	.407	16					
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Nets 104, Cavaliers 98

Bucks 99. Sonics 73

SEATTLE — Evans 2-5 0-2 4, Lewis 4-14 0-1 James 0-2 0-0 0, Allen 4-16 6-6 16, Ridnou 9, James 6-2 0-9 0, Allen 4-16 6-6 16, Ridnour 2-8 1-2 6, Radmanovic 0-7 2-2 2, Daniels 4-9 1-1 10, Murray 4-13 2-2 11, Fortson 1-4 4-4.6, Collison 4-5 1-1 9, Potapenko 0-1 0-0 0, Swift 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 25-85 17-21 73 MILWAUKEE — Mason 8-17 3-4 19, J.Smith 7-12 2-2 16, Gadzuric 1-2 0-0 2, Redd 14-25-5 35, M.Williams 4-8 0-0 8, Kukoc 1-4 1-25-5

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GOLDEN STATE — Murphy 3-11 0-9 7, Dunleavy 4-14 0-9 8, Foyle 3-5 0-9 6, Richardson 9-17-3-42 F, Fisher 8-17-0-4 19, Davis 3-11-3-44 10, Pietrus 5-8 0-9 12, Cabarkapa 0-2 1-2 1, White 0-9 0-9 0, Biedrins 1-9 0-9 0, Totals 35-55 7-10 88.

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Arenas cries foul when Kings get winning call

The Associated Pres

WASHINGTON — With the game tied, Cuttino Mobley made a spin move in the lane and drew a foul on Gilbert Arenas with 1.5 seconds remaining. Arenas grabbed the ball, took it to the center circle and threw it against the other backboard in frustration.

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No technical was called, but the
Kings didn't need it. Mobley
made the free throws to give the
Sacramento Kings a 110-108 victory over the Washington Wizards
on Sunday night, leaving Arenas
to wonder where the fouls were
when he was driving to the basket
throughout the same.

Arenas matched his career high with 43 points, topping Mike Bibby's 38 for Sacramento. Arenas made 16 of 32 field goals—in-cluding seven of 11 three-point-ers—in his fourth 40-point game of the season, but he was upset that he had just seven free-throw attempts.

attempts.
"I don't understand it sometimes," Arenas said. "I probablybody in the league, and I don't get the same calls anybody gets, like an Iverson, who can shoot 26 free throws a night. Because Fe's little, he gets hit. Because Fe's little, he gets hit. Because Fe's little, when I get hit, they don't do anything with it. Last night, I should have shot 20-something free 20-something free throws. But I guess I've got to get more years in the league to get that call."



As for his foul on Mobley, Arenas said: "It's not one of those calls you make when I drove the ball 10 times and he did the same thing to me and you don't call those. It's one second left, you let

that go. Let's go to overtime."
Bibby made 13 of 23 shots, in-cluding five of nine from
three-point range, and seven of
eight free throws for the Kings,
a six-game road trip. Mobley scored
a six-game road trip. Mobley scored
18 points, and Bread Miller had 12
points and 10 rebounds. Sacramenta
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tained in the Chris Webber trade.

"It really gives us a boost because we were struggling," coach Rick Adelman said. "We lost a lot of close games before the trade. Winning these two is a huge boost. But in this league, you've got to back it up now. You've got to back it up now. You've got to back it up now. You've got to sail ittle momentum while we're trying to get organized."

While the Kings are adjusting to life with new faces Corliss Williamson, Kenny Thomas and Brian Skinner — obtained last week from Philadelphia for Webber, Matt Barnes and Michael Bradley — the Wizards' lineup looked almost as new as Sacramento's. Kwame Brown started for the first time this season because of an injury to Jared Jeffries and had 10 points and 10 rebounds. Steve Blake scored a season-high 17 points in a season-high 34 minutes after Jarvis Hayes left he game in the second quarter with tendinitis in his right knee.

The Wizards also played without point guard Larry Hughes, who had targeted Sunday's game for his return from a fractured right thumb. Hughes decided to sit out after having another set of X-rays just before tip-off.

A-rays just before up-off.
In addition, Antawn Jamison had a rare off night, making three of 15 shots and scoring only seven points. The Wizards also struggled from the line, making just 18 of 33 free throws, crucial misses in a game that included 18 ties and 15 lead changes.

Washington has lost five of its past six and had a five-game home winning streak snapped.

"We don't want to let this thing slip away, with all that we've accomplished," said center Brendan Haywood, who scored 13

Heat 112, Magic 103: At Orlando, Fla., Dwyane Wade scored 28 points, Eddie Jones added 24 and Miami beat Orlando for a second straight day.

The Heat won both games without center Shaquille O'Neal, who sat out a fourth consecutive game with a sprained left knee.

Grant Hill led the Magic with 34 points.

Nuggets 94, Hornets 93: Carmelo Anthony scored 17 of his 31 points in the fourth quarter to help the Nuggets overcome an 11-point deficit in the final 10 minutes on the mad

11-point deficit in the final 10 minutes on the road.

Dan Dickau led New Orleans with 22 points.

Timberwolves 91, Trail Blazers 83: At Portland, Ore., Latrell Sprewell scored 27 points, including a go-ahead three-pointer with just more than a minute left.

Nick Van Exel scored 26 points for the Blazers, who have lost six of their last eight.

Jazz 99, Rockets 92: At Houston, Matt Harpring scored 28 points, and Raja Bell added 21 for Utah.

Tracy McGrady scored 23 points to lead the Rockets, who have dropped three straight after winning eight in a row.

Pistons 94, Warriors 88: Tayshaun Prince had 23 points to help ruin Baron Davis' home debut as a Warrior.

Davis, acquired in a trade with New Orleans on Thursday, didn't start and finished with 10 points and eight assists in 29 minutes. Rasheed Wallace had 17 points

and nine rebounds for the Pistons, who won for the 12th time in 13 games.

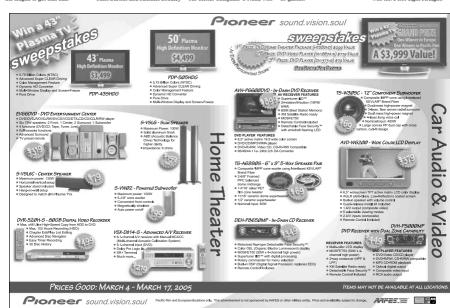


The Washington Wizards' Gilbert Arenas (0) shoots over the Sacramento Kings' Eddie House (50) in the second quarter on Sunday.

Clippers 111, Hawks 104: Corey Maggette scored 25 points to help the Clippers send Atlanta to its 19th consecutive road loss. Bobby Simmons finished with 24 points for the Clippers, who have won two straight since a season-worst eight-game losing

Tyronn Lue scored a season-high 24 points and Al Harrington added 23 for the Hawks, who have lost eight straight.

streak.



Lowe striving to shift focus to Dodgers

By JOHN NADEL The Associated Press

VERO BEACH, Fla. - Derek Lowe doesn't want to talk about Boston anymore, though many aspects of his seven-plus seasons with the Red Sox come up in conversa-

"No one's asking me about this team, this year," Lowe said Monday in the Los Ange-les Dodgers' clubhouse. "I'm sick and tired

of talking about Boston and the Red Sox. "I signed here two months ago. We're two days away from starting spring training games. It's time to get serious

Almost on cue, Lowe greeted a Rawlings representative with a smile, saying: "Dodger Blue here.'

Lowe knew he wasn't going to return to Boston long before becoming a hero by win-ning the final game of all three postseason series as the Red Sox won their first World Series since 1918.

He signed a four-year, \$36 million contract with the Dodgers.

"Obviously when you leave as a free agent it's not one of the best situations " he said. "But there's more positive (memoway more. It's a whole new start

"Come Friday, you've got an opportunity to start pitching. A lot of these guys, they've never seen me pitch. You only get one chance to make a first impression

The 31-year-old right-hander, baseball's second-winningest pitcher over the last three years, probably shouldn't worry about such things.

You see his ability in big situations hopefully he can help us out in the same capacity," starter Jeff Weaver said

Lowe said he signed with the Dodgers because he believes they have a chance to win now and in the future.

"Their No. 1 goal is to win, not just stay afloat," he said. "They put together a team they think can win the World Series. Nobody even knows who's going to be the how good we are.

"I'll go back to Boston - they had five good starters. When you have that kind of thing, you don't go on those dreaded long losing streaks. And eventually, you go on winning streaks. And they have the best closer (Eric Gagne) in baseball. If you can't pitch, you can't win."

Lowe is one of several offseason acquisitions by a team that won the NL West last year, making the playoffs for the first time

"A lot of these guys, I've never talked to before," Lowe said. "You know of them. Jeff Kent, J.D. Drew, I know those guys aren't slackers.

Showing his unfamiliarity with his new team, Lowe first referred to manager Jim Tracy as Paul Tracy before correcting himself. He also referred to outgoing second baseman Alex Cora as Joey, Cora's older brother

"That's why spring training is so important for us. We have to get to know each other and we have to all be going in the right direction," Lowe said. "It's going to take time to jell together as a group. As far as coming together as a team, you're looking realistically at May, June

Lowe points to last year's Red Sox as a team that ielled.

"It was the best group of guys I've ever played with," he said. "No one had an ego. We got on everybody. We had an unbelievable ability to forget yesterday's game. That's the only way you come back from

The Red Sox became the first team in postseason history to bounce back from a 3-0 deficit when they accomplished the feat against the New York Yankees in the AL championship series. Then came a four-game sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series.

"We played for each other," Lowe recalled. "The most important thing about team togetherness is when you're going



Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Derek Lowe signs a Boston Redx Sox pennant for a fan at Dodgertown in Vero Beach, Fla., Monday. Lowe won the final game of all three playoff series as the Red Sox won their first World Series since 1918.

bad. There's going to be a time this year when we're playing bad. That's when you see what you're made of. That's when things can come apart."

With his outgoing personality, Lowe figures to be a clubhouse leader - especially to younger guys such as Edwin Jackson, a 21-year-old right-hander battling for the No. 5 spot in the rotation

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

"He's a cool dude, real down to earth someone you're not afraid to go ask for ad-vice." Jackson said.

Australia's Ogilvy picks up first PGA Tour victory which the cut was 5 under, lowest

TUCSON, Ariz. - Returning to the course where he made his PGA Tour debut, Geoff Ogilvy and the Chrysler Classic of Tuc-son combined for another first.

Ogilvy won his first title in 108 tour starts Sunday, becoming the event's fifth first-time champion in six years by beating Kevin Na on the second hole of a playoff at Tucson National

"It feels like I've been waiting quite a while, so it is special," said Ogilvy, who started his tour ca-reer in Tuscon in 2001 and finished third.

The 27-year-old Australian rolled in an 18-foot, downhill putt for birdie on the second playoff to beat Na. Ogilvy shouted for joy after making the difficult putt, and embraced his wife Juli on the green after Na missed an 8-footer that would have extended the playoff. "I have never really got too

revved up on a golf course," said Ogilvv, who had four top-10 finish es last year. "Well, I have, but I try to stay on kind of the same plane all day, you know? That's kind of my goal."

Ogilvy's \$540,000 winner's share was about 12 times more



than his earnings this season (\$47,316) after making the cut in two of four tournaments

But Ogilvy, who has been among the top 95 money-winners all four years on tour, is practically a veteran compared to the 21-year-old Na, the youngest player on the circuit.

He and Na fared better in their first playoff experience than vet-eran Mark Calcavecchia.

Calcavecchia, who has won 11 titles, was 15 under after 36 holes and closed with a 3-under 69 to tie Na and Ogilvy (71) at 19-under 269 and get into the playoff. But he double-bogeved the first extra hole after needing two shots to blast out of a bunker

"To hit it there?" Calcavecchia said. "I guarantee you that one guy, the entire weekend - maybe in the whole tournament - hit it in the back of that trap in the course of four days, and I have got to do it in the playoff. Incredi-

The 72-hole total of 19 under was modest for a tournament in on the PGA Tour this year. The 7.109-vard Tucson National course toughened up Sunday under bright sunshine, with firm er greens and tougher driving because of occasional wind. Steve Stricker closed with a 68,

but missed the playoff by a shot. Doug Barron finished fifth after a closing 72 for a 271 total Aaron Baddelev (68), run-

er-up to Heath Slocum last year. Billy Mayfair (70) and Brent Geiberger (71) tied at 272.

Na was still choking back tears while meeting with reporters, recalling his disappointment at failing to win for the second time in three weeks.

He made a valiant bid, sinking a 28-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole, the most difficult on the course, to finish with a 71, and making a 20-footer for par on No. 18 to keep pace with Ogilvv on the first playoff hole.

"I want to become a player like Sergio Garcia," Na said. "You know, winning at 20, 21, guys like Phil (Mickelson, who beat him in Phoenix). I want to be the first you know, one of the best in the world. And I feel like I can do

'And to lose in a playoff like that after hanging in there on the first hole, it's pretty depressing." On the second playoff hole, the

501-vard, par-5 10th, Na and Ogilvy drove through the fairway and behind trees. Ogilvy punched his second shot into the fairway for a clear approach that stopped 18 feet above the hole.

Na cleared the trees with his second shot, and the ball landed just beyond the fringe at the back of the green. He chipped 8 feet past, giving Ogilvy the opening he needed for a dramatic ending.

"It was hole it or go home, in my head," Ogilvy said. "I found a way to hit a good putt."

Irwin wins rain-delayed Outback Pro-Am

LUTZ, Fla. - Hale Irwin finished a second-round 68 to slip past Morris Hatalsky on Monday and win the rain-delayed Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am by one

Irwin, the Champions Tour career victory leader, took advantage of ideal weather, which made the TPC of Tampa Bay course play much easier than the previous three days. Irwin played his remaining 12 holes in 2 under

to end with a 36-hole total of 8-under 134.

Hatalsky was one of only 22 golfers to complete the second round Saturday, when the sched-uled 54-hole event was reduced to 36. Heavy rain Sunday washed out play after 68 minutes, pushing the conclusion back to Mon-

Hatalsky's 7-under 135 was the score to beat, and Irwin — play-ing the back nine first — pulled ing the back nine first — pulled even with a birdie on No. 18. A birdie on No. 3 gave the win-ner of last months.

ner of last month's Turtle Bay Championship the lead, and Irwin finished his 42nd tour win with six straight pars.

"When I got up today and saw that the weather was so beautiful, I just went: 'Darn.'" Hatalsky said. "In order for me to maintain that position I needed the wind to blow hard and they needed tough-er conditions out there. Hale found a way to manage himself around the golf course and get on

Defending champion Mark Mc Nulty (68) birdied two of his last four holes to pull even with Hatalsky, who spent Sunday relaxing and watching college basketball before returning to the course Monday in case there was a play-

Smoltz in line for Opening Day start

The Associated Press

It looks as if John Smoltz is going to throw the Atlanta Braves' first pitch this season.

After spending the past three years earning 144 saves as the Braves' closer, Smoltz is returning to the starting rotation. And the way manager Bobby Cox has set his spring pitching schedule, Smoltz would be ready to go in the regular-season opener at Florida on April 5.

Smoltz, the only player who has been with the Braves for their entire run of 13 straight division titles and the 1996 Cy Young Award winner as a starter, is just glad to be starting again.

"It doesn't matter to me," Smoltz said Sunday at the Braves' camp in Kissimmee, Fla. "Whenever I make my first pitch, it's going to be an exciting time for

The only other pitcher who warrants consideration for the honor is Tim Hudson, a former 20-game winner who pitched on Opening Day several times for the Oakland A's

But Hudson is a newcomer in Atlanta, coming over to the Braves in an offseason trade. He wouldn't even feel comfortable making the Opening-Day start instead of Smoltz.

"Even if they asked me to do it," Hudson said, "I wouldn't want

to do it.

At Scottsdale, Ariz., Barry Bonds surprised his San Francisco teammates when he jumped into the batting cage to take a few swings against new closer Armando Benitez, just four weeks after knee surgery.

Bonds faced nine pitches from Benitez at the Giants' spring training stadium and took only two swings, hitting hard grounders to the right side of the infield.

Spring training

But just being at home plate is significant progress for the 40-year-old MVP.

"Just to stand in the cage and track balls was enough for me, just to show that to my teammates," Bonds said.

With several new teammates on San Francisco's reloaded roster, Bonds seems determined to participate in as many group activities as possible leading up to Thursday's Cactus League opener. He also participated in the team's stretching exercises before a light workout day for the Giants and played catch in the out-field.

"I'm one of those guys that just tries to keep himself ready for a game," Bonds said. "It's different, very different, but the good news is that my leg is coming to ground sound. The rehab is working, but I've still got a lot to do."

Benitez, who signed with the Giants as a free agent during the winter, was startled when his star teammate stepped into the cage.

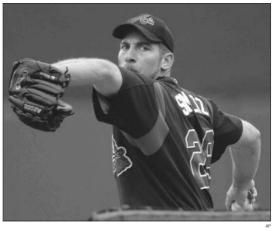
He threw Bonds a few fastballs and one changeup that caused the slugger to smile.

"I didn't know he wanted to be in there," Benitez said. "He said, 'Why are you throwing me a changeup?' I said, 'Hey, man, I have to work a lot on this stuff.'"

So why is Bonds' recovery moving so quickly?

"Itch," he said with a laugh.
"The itch to be part of the group.
The itch to be part of your team."

At Tempe, Ariz., Los Angeles Angels right-hander Kelvim Escobar, who had shoulder stiffness in January, threw off the mound for



Atlanta Braves pitcher John Smoltz throws batting practice on Thursday in Kissimmee, Fla. After spending the past three seasons as a closer. Smoltz is returning to the starting rotation and could start Opening Day.

the first time and experienced no soreness. Manager Mike Scioscia said earlier in the week that Escobar likely would drop to the No. 5 spot in the rotation out of camp as a precautionary move.

At Jupiter, Fla., St. Louis Cardinals right-hander Matt Morris threw his first batting practice session since having minor shoulder surgery in December.

"Matt was very good today, facing batters for the first time," pitching coach Dave Duncan

Ben Sheets, another starter recovering from offseason surgery, threw batting practice at Milwaukee's spring training facility in Phoenix. Sheets had surgery to repair a herniated disk in October. He's scheduled to start the Brewers' opener April 4 at Pittsburgh. At Vero Beach, Fla., Brad Penny took another step in his recovery from a rare nerve injury in his right biceps, throwing his third bullpen session of the spring for the Los Angeles Dodg-

"I felt fine," Penny said. "A little more intensity, a few more pitches — maybe 50-something." He threw about 40 pitches Fri-

day.

"He finished up good, he felt pretty good," manager Jim Tracy said. "He doesn't have any pain. If he had pain, he wouldn't be doing what he's doing. He wouldn't be able to do what he's

Penny sustained a rare nerve injury to his right biceps Aug. 8 that sidelined him for all but one brief outing over the final two months of last season and the playoffs. He has been throwing every other day since last Wednesday and is scheduled to throw again Tuesday. At Bradenton, Fla., Pittsburgh

At Bradenton, Fla., Pittsburgh pitcher Oliver Perez threw off the mound for the first time since injuring his left shoulder by sleeping awkwardly on it earlier this

Perez threw 23 pitches, all fastballs, in a five-minute session held indoors because of heavy rain.
"I feel so happy and good."

"I feel so happy and good," Perez said. "Everything feels normal now."

In Dunedin, Fla., Toronto Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said Cy Young Award winner Roy Halladay will make the first start of the season against Tampa Bay April 4.

QB Griese will restructure contract, return to Buccaneers

The Associated Pres

TAMPA, Fla. — Brian Griese agreed to restructure his contract with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sunday, helping the team alleviate its salary-cap problems.

The Tampa Tribune and St. Petersburg

The Tampa Tribune and St. Petersburg Times reported that the quarterback's deal is worth \$32 million for five years. "There is a long-term agreement, and it

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will be signed in the next few days," team spokesman Jeff Kamis said.

Griese was paid \$900,000 last season, when he took over for Chris Simms after the second-year quarterback was injured during his first pro start. Simms had replaced Brad Johnson after

the Bucs lost their first four games. Griese started 10 games and completed an NFL-best 69.3 percent of his passes for

2,632 yards and 20 touchdowns, with 12 interceptions.

He also had a propensity for making

game-altering mistakes, including four interceptions that were returned for TDs.

The former Denver starter was in jeopar-

dy of not returning because he was due a \$6 million roster bonus on Wednesday. Redoing his contract will save the team more than \$4 million under the salary cap. It also means Johnson, who helped the

It also means Johnson, who helped the Bucs win the Super Bowl two years ago, could be released this week to create another \$4.5 million in cap space. General Manager Bruce Allen has said the team is about \$17 million over.

Although coach Jon Gruden has said there will be open competition for the starting job in training camp, the financial commitment to Griese would seem to give him the edge over Simms, who's still regarded as the club's quarterback of the future.

Lions re-sign center Raiola

DETROIT — The Detroit Lions and Dominic Raiola agreed on a five-year contract, keeping the team's center off the free-agent market.

Raiola started every game the past three seasons after spending much of his rookie season in 2001 on special teams. The 26-year-old Honolulu native was drafted in the second round out of Nebraska.

The Lions also are looking at signing a veteran quarterback to back up starter Joey Harrington. They have interviewed Jett Garcia and put him through physical tests during the NFL combine in Indianapolis. Garcia was released by the Cleveland

doing."

Browns Feb. 22. He completed 144 of 253 passes for 1,731 yards with 10 touchdowns and nine interceptions in 10 starts last season.

Bears cut receiver Terrell

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Wide receiver David Terrell, the eighth overall pick in the 2001 draft, was released by the Chicago Bears on Monday after four seasons of failed expectations.

The move came two days after the Bears

signed All-Pro receiver Muhsin Muhammad, who was released by the Carolina Panthers.

Terrell, who had another year left on his contract, started 15 games last season and led the Bears with a career-high 699 receiving yards on 42 receptions with one touch-down. Over four years with the team, he totaled 128 receptions, 1,602 receiving yards and nine touchdowns.

Browns release safety Griffith

CLEVELAND — Safety Robert Griffith

was released Monday by the Cleveland Browns, as new coach Romeo Crennel continued his overhaul of the team. Griffith, who was due a roster bonus on

Wednesday, spent three seasons in Cleveland, which signed him as a free agent in 2002 after eight years with the Minnesota Vikings. Griffith, 34, led the Browns with 157 tackles last season.

However, Griffith's age and Crennel's intention to upgrade the Browns up the middle made him expendable.

Griffith started 44 games for the Browns, finishing with 408 tackles, six interceptions, two fumble recoveries and one sack.

Patriots sever ties with LB Phifer FOXBORO, Mass. — Veteran linebacker

Roman Phifer, who played on all three of New England's Super Bowl winners, was released on Monday.

Phifer, a 36-year-old, 14-year veteran, was signed by the team as a free agent in 2001 and played in 59 games in four seasons with the Patriots.

Phifer recorded 385 tackles, ranking sec-

ond on the team over that span to Tedy Bruschi's 403. Phifer led the team in tackles in 2002.

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Crews work on the their cars during the first pit stop in Sunday's NASCAR Auto Club 500 at Fontana, Calif. Greg Biffle won the race.

Taking a wild ride

Biffle just hangs on to win Sunday's Auto Club 500 despite an unruly car and late charge by J. Johnson

BY MIKE HARRIS

FONTANA, Calif. - After testing at California Speedway in January, Greg Biffle had a feeling he would win the Auto Club 500. He did - barely.

Biffle, fighting a car that wanted to jump out front under him, somehow held on long enough to take the checkered flag Sunday in the second NASCAR Nextel Cup race of the season.

"I lost all the rear grip there with three (laps) to go," Biffle said as he celebrated his fourth ca-"I just barely victory. touched the wall, skinned it, two or three times there at the end and I was just able to keep it under me

"We had the fastest car on the racetrack, but just not right there at the end?

Biffle, who won last year's season finale in November, finished the test on California's 2-mile oval with a lot of confidence.

"I had a pretty strong feeling that we would win out here" he "Ninety percent of the time in our sport, the fastest car doesn't win the race. Today, I feel the fastest car won

Biffle ran strongly throughout the 250-lap race, taking the lead for good on lap 228 and building an advantage just big enough to hold off a last-ditch effort by runner-up Jimmie Johnson.

Johnson passed reigning Cup champion Kurt Busch on the last lan to take second and came un just 0.230 seconds — about six car-lengths — behind the winning

"If we just had another corner. I think there would have been a different outcome to this race Johnson said. "Man, I saw Biffle hitting the wall and sideways a few times there at the end and I could hardly believe he got to the end. But he had a strong car and he did a really good job.

Biffle, who figured the right combination in the first test of

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Greg Biffle

Auto Club 500 winner

NASCAR's new aerodynamic rules, twice came back from as far down as 30th.

"I had to pass every car and I earned it," Biffle said. "That's why I freed the car up so much is because I was back in that traffic. Then, when I got back out front it was so dang loose that I couldn't

Roush Racing had a great day, with Biffle winning his fourth Cup race, reigning series champion Busch finishing third and take ing the series lead by five points over Johnson, Carl Edwards fifth and Mark Martin seventh. Matt Kenseth also ran in the top 10 most of the day, but fell off the lead lap on lap 234 with a flat tire and wound up 26th.

The key moment came on lap 218 when Busch, running second and Biffle, in fifth, stayed on the track while leader Kevin Harvick and most of the other contenders nitted for tires during the last of seven caution periods

Busch faked toward the pits be fore driving back onto the track and taking the lead, with Biffle just behind. Biffle was able to drive into the top spot seven laps after the green flag waved for the

'It wasn't a really hard decision," Biffle said about staying on the track. "We only had seven laps on those tires. Those Goodyear tires they brought here are a really good compound and it takes five laps for them to come in, so we only had a two-lap advan-tage by pitting."

Johnson, one of those who stopped for four tires on lap 218, was 10th on the restart.

"It worked for them because the four-tire guys got hung up in traffic." he said. "We should have been able to win that race."

Busch, off to a strong start after finishing second to Jeff Gordon in the Daytona 500, was disappoint-

ed with Sunday's result.
"You get so close, you just want
to be able to capitalize," he said. "I ran so hard at the beginning (of the last stint). I smoked my tires and Johnson got us there at the

Jamie McMurray finished fourth, followed by Edwards and

This was the first race in which the Cup cars ran with shortened rear spoilers and softer tires, an effort by NASCAR to make the racing more competitive and allow more passing by taking away downforce and putting more responsibility in the hands of the drivers.

It also was the first time the teams had to start the race with NASCAR holding the cars from the end of qualifying Saturday until Sunday morning and allowing only minor adjustments before the start

Joe Nemechek appeared to have the strongest car for much of the race, leading a race-high 63 laps before his engine blew. Nemechek was one of five drivers using Hendrick Motorsports engines, including Gordon, who had problems during the race. Gordon, the defending champi-

on in this race and a three-time winner in California, was still in contention when he lost a cylinder late. He wound up 30th.

Faulkner, British Open winner in 1951, dies at 88 1997, but they hadn't played for al-

VIRGINIA WATER, England Former British Open champion and five-time Ryder Cup golfer Max Faulkner has died, the European PGA Tour said Monday. He was 88.

Faulkner won the British Onen in 1951 and was on the British Ryder Cup team that won the title six years later. It was one of his five Ryder Cup appearances. His Open triumph at Royal Por-

trush broke Bobby Locke's streak of victories in golf's oldest major, but the South African regained the title in 1952 to make it three in four years.

Faulkner was the last Briton to win the Open until Tony Jacklin won the claret jug 18 years later.

Sports briefs

Mooney, Immaculata co-captain, dies at 53 PHILADELPHIA - Maureen

Mooney, co-captain of the Immac ulata College team that won the first national women's basketball title in 1972 and repeated in 1973. has died at 53.

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Mooney died Wednesday, the school said Monday.

Immaculata defeated West Chester State 52-48 in 1972 to win the AIAW title. The Mighty Macs won three straight titles and were runners-up in 1975 and '76.

"It was the biggest fluke in the world that so many talented play-

ers wound up at Immaculata at the same time," Mooney said in a 1986 interview, "The one thing most of us had in common was that we were used to tough competition in high school in the Philadelphia Catholic League

Mooney, of Blue Bell, Pa., was a financial consultant

V. Williams upset in first round

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates - Venus Williams lost in the first round for the first time in four vears, beaten by Italy's Silvia Farina Elia 7-5, 7-6 (6) in the Dubai Women's Open on Monday.

ouster was to Barbara Schett in the 2001 French Open. Farina Elia was 0-9 against the fifth-seeded American since

Williams' previous first-round

most two years. Former Wimbledon champion

Conchita Martinez and rising Indian star Sania Mirza - the oldest and voungest players in the draw also reached the second round. Martinez, 32, defeated Shinobu

Asagoe of Japan 6-3, 6-4. The 18-year-old Mirza beat Jelena Ko stanic of Croatia 6-7 (7-2), 6-4, 6-1 and will next face U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova.

Former heavyweight champ's condition downgraded

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Former WBA heavyweight champion Greg Page's condition has worsened slightly since being hospitalized last week with pneumonia

and other complications

Page, 46, who held the WBA title for four months in 1984 before losing in his first defense. was in serious condition in the intensive care unit on Monday, Julie Ice, spokeswoman for Jew ish Hospital, said.

Iowa's Pierce pleads innocent

ADEL, Iowa - Former Iowa basketball star Pierre Pierce pleaded innocent Monday to charges he assaulted his ex-girl-

friend and ransacked her house. His trial must begin by mid-May. If convicted on all charges, Pierce could be sentenced to up to 56 years in prison and fined \$9,000.

Pierce, Iowa's leading scorer, was kicked off the team Feb. 2.

A hard lesson

Temple's Chaney is on short leash in the wake of flagrant foul fiasco

ohn Chaney is still teaching kids that basketball is war when he should know

It's the same thing Bob Knight does under the same hanner of "molding" men, and it's led to some of the same excesses.

But maybe when someone has been doing things one way all his life, it's the rest of us who should know better than to expect him to change. So for the time being stash the out

Jim Litke



rage over the dangerous stunt Chaney pulled week. It will come back to him soon enough. This eni.

won't mark the end of Chaney's run at Temple. Not yet,

anyway. The timid punishment handed down by university president David Adamany demonstrated that

But you can see the end from here. Rest assured that the next time Chaney rushes into battle will be the last time be does so while drawing a paycheck from the Philadelphia school. Adamany doesn't have to draw up a zero-tolerance policy; his 73-year-old icon of a coach did it for him. All that's left for the president to do now is wait Chaney out.

What happened Tuesday night has been recounted and replayed dozens of times, increasingly followed by calls for Chaney's resignation or firing. That's because for all the good Chaney has done, it was hardly unprecedented. Fouls don't get much more flagrant or intentional than this.

The day before his squad played host to local rival Saint Joseph's, Chaney threatened to use one of his own kids to "send a message" to the refs: if they wouldn't do something about what he insist ed were illegal screens set by the Hawks' players he would

And being a man of his word, Chaney did

He sent Nehemiah Ingram, a player he would later refer to as a goon," into the game with instructions to knock some Saint Joseph's players around. Ingram is a bruising 6-foot-8, 250-pounder who describes himself as "good at heart" — "My mama raised me in the church," he added - but nonetheless did exactly what he was told. After the game, Chaney crowed about Ingram's handiwork, but it didn't last long

One of the players Ingram knocked to the floor, senior for-ward John Bryant, will miss the rest of the season with a broken

Once it became clear that the damage Chaney's act caused wasn't simply limited to the integrity of the game, both the school and the Atlantic 10 Conference had to do something. Laughably, they extended his self-imposed suspension from one game to

The only good thing about the entire incident is that it happened at Temple instead of Saint Jowhere chances are it would have touched off a melee. Because Chaney would have been done, right then and there. And a guy who's handed out so many chances to kids of all stripes has earned at least one

more for himself. That's one more than a few people would argue is fair, since Bryant will be cheated out of what should have been the best few weeks of his career, Saint Joseph's will be forced to defend its regular-season league title without a key role player, and any



John Chaney is out for the rest of Temple's regular season, under suspension for ordering a player to commit flagrant fouls against St. Joe's.

coach who didn't have Chaney's stature would likely be out of a job already. But the last part is precisely the point

Chaney never graduated as many kids as he should have, but it's worth remembering that on sum, most of those who came into contact with him will swear he had an impact on their lives helped determine what they did when they left the team and in plenty of cases, he helped get

That's why guys like Chaney become coaches in the first place and why, so long as they're successful, they get away with everything short of inciting a riot. Because they can lead. Chaney could, too - once. He's in the Hall of Fame for good reason, but Chaney hasn't ever been to the Final Four hasn't taken Temple to the NCAA tournament the last three seasons, and no longer operates the baddest program in his own town anymore. That would be Saint Joe's, which has beaten the Owls - illegal screens or not

- the last six times they've met. Temple's days as a national program are in the past. Chaney sacrificed more than most big-time coaches and made do with less for a long time. But the real fight, the one that has to do with Chaney's survival, may just be beginning.

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Illinois again unanimous No. 1 in poll: Carolina 2nd

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Illinois was No. 1 in The Associated Press college basketball poll Monday, the Illini's 13th straight week on top and their fifth consecutive poll as a unanimous choice. The Illini (28-0) beat Northwest

ern in their only game last week. Coupled with a loss by Michigan State, that was enough for them to repeat as Big Ten champions

The 13-week run at No. 1 is the longest since Kansas was on top for 15 straight polls in 1996-97 Five weeks as a unanimous choice of the 72-member national media panel is the longest such streak since Duke's five-week

North Carolina (24-3) beat North Carolina State and Maryland last week to remain No. 2

Kentucky, which beat Alabama to win its 43rd Southeastern Conference title on Saturday, moved up two spots to third. Wake Forest made the same jump to fourth Boston College, which last Wednesday lost at Villanova, dropped from No. 3, the highest

ranking in school history, to fifth, Duke moved up one spot to sixth. It marked the Blue Devils' 164th consecutive poll appearance, tying Kentucky for the fifth-longest streak since the poll started in the 1948-49 season.

Duke has been ranked in every poll since the preseason Top 25 of the 1996-97 season. The record is UCLA's run of 221 consecutive polls that started with the preseason voting in 1966-67 and ended on Jan. 8, 1980.

Kansas, which has the sec ond-longest active streak at 91 straight polls, moved from eighth to No. 7. Oklahoma State, the team the Jayhawks beat to end their three-game losing streak dropped from fourth to No. 8. Louisville and Washington rounded out the Top Ten.

Arizona was 11th and was followed by Gonzaga, Syracuse, Michigan State, Connecticut, Utah, Pacific, Charlotte, Villanova and Oklahoma.

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May's late block saves Carolina victory

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